



## Upcoming Events

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Open to LLE Children of All Ages. To be held on the grounds of the Clubhouse.

*2:00 pm, Saturday Mar 31*

### **Spring Clean-Up**

Help keep your neighborhood looking sharp by joining others as we spruce up for Spring!

*10:00 am, Saturday, Apr 21*

### **Neighborhood Yard Sale**

Got Stuff? Get Cash! LLECC announces the first-ever LLE Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale!

*8:00 am, Saturday, Apr 28*

### **Lake Lucerne Estates Civic Club Meeting**

All area residents are encouraged to attend at the Clubhouse.

*7:30 pm, Thursday, May 17*

### **Pig Roast**

Be part of the celebration at the annual Fourth of July Pig Roast. Enjoy good food, friends, and fabulous fireworks!

*Noon, Wednesday, Jul 4*

### **Lake Lucerne Estates Civic Club (LLECC) Meeting**

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*7:30 pm, Thursday, Jul 19*

## The Benefits of Belonging

By our very nature, human beings are a social animal. We must be around other people in order to feel happy, safe, and secure. Having friends helps, but that isn't always enough. To really thrive, we need to be active in our local community.

### **EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM A STRONG COMMUNITY.**

Being active within our society helps individuals feel less lonely, have a more vital and interesting life, find mates, stay healthy and feel happier. We feel connected, important, significant, appreciated and safe. Being active within our society brings us inspiration, helps us succeed in business and helps us find our way in life. Participating in our local community helps us fulfill our need of purpose.

Communities thrive when people are better connected. Local econo-

mies expand, businesses succeed, education grows, support systems become more efficient...the list of benefits goes on and on.

When things become difficult, it's those who have a strong community support system that are best off. Imagine if a natural disaster occurred ~ wouldn't it be better to turn to people you knew you could trust for help? Imagine if you became ill..., couldn't a community of people who cared about you make you feel better? Of course they could!

Online communities have become very real, significant and help millions feel more connected, but they must not take the place of our physical life community.

It's also common for people to find jobs online and to move to different locations around the world. This uproots us and de  
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# 7 Tips for Reducing Crime by Jay Hancock

Car break-ins and mailbox damage are the two most common property crimes in our neighborhood. They are also hard to combat. However, it doesn't mean we cannot take steps to protect our property. Here are a few suggestions:

1. REPORT ALL CRIMES TO GWINNETT PD VIA 911. Breaking into your car is like breaking into your home. It is a FELONY to enter an auto. Reporting every crime makes us all safer. The police focus on criminal activity and cannot when we don't let them know.

2. If you see something unusual, call 911. For example, if a suspicious car or individual is stopped, the police may find evidence of criminal

activity in plain sight such as stolen goods or tools for the commission of a crime. At minimum, it can scare them away.

3. Lock your cars! This is primarily a crime of opportunity. A thief will often take the easy prey and not risk detection by breaking a window.

4. Take anything of value out of your car. Let them have the tissues and hand sanitizer.

5. Never leave a firearm, garage remote, or valuable electronics in your car.

6. Park close to your residence. Try to avoid parking on the street. A \$20 motion detector floodlight is a great deterrent. Cameras are even better.

7. Report your crime to your COPS block captain or directly to me via private message. We've all been crime victims and can and should support each other.



# The LLEC President's Letter by Misty Johnson

I hope that you all got a few moments to enjoy the cold weather which came with such force this winter. This year felt especially nice because the lake got a nice, thick layer of ice. My family enjoyed an afternoon of poking the ice and learning about the three states of water. It is experiences like that which make me so grateful for the unique community I live in and the connection it provides for me and my children at home. I hope that other Lake Lucerne families were able to have this type of experience with the lake and all of the natural elements it provides.

Speaking of lovely spaces, LLECC will be hosting our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st at 2 pm on the clubhouse lawn. The Lake Lucerne Estates Civic Club will provide an Easter craft and golden egg prizes. We look forward to another great turn out, just like last year.

The LLECC board members are also excited to announce the first-ever Lake Lucerne Estates Civic Club Communitywide Yard Sale on Saturday, April 28th from 8 until Noon. It's great way to raise some cash and clear out your closets! All members of the community are welcome to bring a table or tarp and all of your valuable-but-no-longer-needed items to the clubhouse lawn for a group sale. Or if you prefer, you can set up a sale in your own yard as well. We will be advertising the event in multiple places, posting signs that day, and cross-promoting all participating homes for this event. So declutter your attic, brighten up your basement, organize your garage, clear out your closets, and raise a little extra cash for yourself at the same time. Space and tables on the clubhouse lawn are FREE to Lake Lucerne Estates Civic Club Members (or \$10 to non-members.) There are only a limited number of tables

available so be sure to come early on the day of the event if you'd like one for your sale items.

Lastly, I would like all Lake Lucerne residents to be mindful of how important it is to be a part of the community volunteer opportunities that are available throughout the year. Volunteers help keep the property clean, vibrant and connected. The civic club gives everyone an opportunity to give back and serve the greater good. Active LLECC members allow us to keep this lake private and maintain the property for our exclusive benefits. As many long-time residents know, it takes "all hands on deck" and membership resources to make this space possible. As your LLECC Acting President I ask that we all think about what we can do to make where we live just a little bit better than it was before.

# Benefits of Belonging

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taches us from the local society we grew up in, forces us to make new friends and establish ourselves in a new community.

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN MY LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Getting active in our community does require effort but it's well worth it. Remember that energy you put into it will certainly come back to you.

- Smile
- Meet your neighbors
- Be kind to people around you
- Say hello to those in your community and people at work
- Forget about yourself for a while and take the time to get to know others
- Greet new members of your community
- Become active in community events
- Join local groups or clubs
- Volunteer
- Buy from local businesses
- Get to know people from different backgrounds or ethnicity's
- Become active in local school systems
- Organize local gatherings or parties (block parties)
- Spend more time outside and away from television or computers

Understanding the importance of community and becoming more active within yours will greatly increase your quality of life. After all, no one wants to live a lonely and detached life. Now get out there and smile!

LLECC Dues  
\$120 per Household  
(\$180 for Lakefront)

Mail your check to:  
LLECC  
PO Box 870027  
Stone Mountain GA 30088

## First Annual LLECC Community-wide

# YARD SALE

All participants will receive space or a table\* on the Clubhouse Lawn or an special flag to mark their yard if they choose to set up at home.

April 28th, 8 - Noon  
LLECC Members - FREE  
Non-members - \$10

Call 404.333.8669 for more details

\*Tables provided on a first-come, first-served basis

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Scentsy	Randee Moulin		GetAllTheScents.scentsy.us TigerLillee82@gmail.com	Fragrances, laundry, and cleaning supplies safe for every home.
Solutions	Rick McElearney	404.563.3277	yodarick@gmail.com.	Electrical, plumbing and carpentry diagnostics and repair
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## Most of Lake Lucerne Estates is a NO BURN Zone!

Several of our neighbors have severe breathing conditions that make excessive smoke life threatening, which is why most of the community has been designated a "No Burn Zone." But even if your home is outside the No Burn Zone, the following rules govern all burning in Gwinnett County:

- Never leave an outdoor fire unattended.
- Burning is not permitted when prevailing winds are predicted to be, or are, in excess of 15 miles per hour.
- No burning is permitted when the

National Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning or a Fire Weather Watch.

- No burning is permitted when there is fog, rain, or a cloud base that is diffused or ill defined. You also must wait at least one day following the passage of a cold front before burning.
- No burning of solid waste or household garbage is allowed.
- No burning of any materials that emit a heavy dark smoke, such as rubber products, oils, roofing material, petroleum based products, etc.
- No burning shall be conduct-

ed within 20 feet of flammable, combustible, or explosive materials unless otherwise specified by the Fire Marshal's Office.

- No burning on Sundays or nights. Compliant bonfires, cooking fires, and recreational fires in chimneas and outdoor fireplaces may be burned on Sunday and at night provided all other criteria and restrictions are applied.

*For a complete list of the rules regarding burning yard waste, please visit [www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com](http://www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com)*