

# What's Flowing in the Creek

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Welcome to the Spring 2007 edition of **What's Flowing in the Creek**, Steele Creek's quarterly community newsletter.

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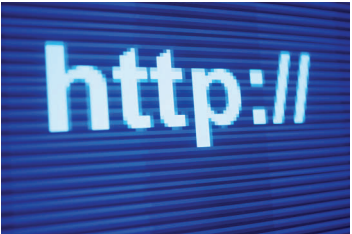
## Steele Creek Association Meeting



On April 2, 2007 letters were mailed from Hawthorne Management Co. to Steele Creek homeowners regarding an upcoming association meeting. The meeting will be held Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Steele Creek Library located at 13620 Steele Creek Road. Agenda items will include progress of installation for street lights, HOA dues, parking, community watch, architectural review and sum-

mer-related concerns. There will also be an open discussion for additional resident concerns. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. **We really need ALL residents to attend.**

## Connect to Steele Creek



The Homeowner's Association is pleased to announce the launch of our website:

<http://steelecreekhoa.org>

Our website has a wealth of information including "downloads", where you will find our Covenants, By-Laws, Architectural Review forms, Financial statements, HOA meeting

minutes and more. The site also contains current and past issues of our Newsletter, Classifieds, Announcements, FAQs, and a list of important Contacts. Visit the announcements page regularly for the most up to date news from the Board and HOA Committees.

## BLOCK PARTY



Steele Creek's Social Committee is currently looking for volunteers to help make our 'May spring event' a success. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Shay Jenkins at [events@steelecreekhoa.org](mailto:events@steelecreekhoa.org)**



## Did You Know?



\*311 can be dialed from your home phone to report a variety of problems or initiate requests such as: scheduling the **pickup of bulk furniture items, replacing your garbage rollout cart, code violations such as parking on lawns, repairing street signs, requesting stop light installation, picking up dead animals**, etc. In fact, we still need residents to call 311 to request the installation of a stop light at our Steele Meadow drive entrance.

## WHAT'S IN A STREET NAME?

\**Cades Cove* is a very famous tourist site at the Great Smoky Mountains. The *Nannyberry* is a small tree that blooms fluffy white flowers and deep blue berries and is native to Illinois and Iowa. *Cedar Rock* is a small town in N.C. with a population less than 350 people.

# Spring Cleaning Checklist

## Indoors:

- \*Wash windows
- \*Test air-conditioning
- \*Clean or replace air-conditioning filter
- \*Put away humidifier

## Outdoors:

- \*Check central-air unit for debris and clean
- \*Caulk or fill any areas where insects may enter the house
- \*Hook up garden hose, check for leaks
- \*Wash siding
- \*Clean gutters and downspouts
- \*Trim bushes and trees away from house
- \*Clean and organize garage
- \*Exterminate for fire ants and other insects/rodents
- \*Check decks and other free-standing structures for winter damage and settling/ heaving
- \*Test outdoor lights and replace bulbs as needed

## Yard:

- \*Aerate lawn
- \*Fertilize/ weed and feed lawn
- \*Apply insect/grub control to lawn/shrubs
- \*Check trees and other land-

- scaping for winter damage, prune as needed
- \*Clean lawn furniture/ check for cracks or other problems
- \*Check fencing for problems, repair if needed
- \*Check for and repair any driveway cracks
- \*Prepare soil for garden plants

## Auto:

- \*Change oil and other fluids
- \*Check coolant level and strength
- \*Clean salt/ sand from under carriage of car
- \*Check tire pressure
- \*Clean and wax exterior
- \*Clean and shampoo interior
- \*Check body for rust

## Lawn Equipment:

- \*Change oil if applicable
- \*Replace sparkplugs and filters (strongly recommended)
- \*Clean all debris from motor and deck. De-grease if needed
- \*Check all cables, belts, and levers for wear and proper functioning
- \*Charge battery if applicable
- \*Put in fresh gasoline
- \*Check tires for proper inflation
- \*Sharpen blades twice yearly



## QUICK GUIDE TO LAWN CARE

### MOWING:

Cut as soon as lawn needs it – cut to height of 2 inches, sharpen mower blades twice yearly

### FERTILIZER:

Full application in Mid-May

### CRABGRASS/WEED CONTROL:

First application around April 1, Second application in mid-May

### SEED:

Before mid-April, keep seeds moist

### SOD:

Anytime ground not frozen, keep moist until established

### AERATING:

Around September 1, A second time around April 1 on heavily compacted or clay soils

## New Contact at Hawthorne

Kelly Parker has now joined Hawthorne Mgmt as the contact for Steele Creek. Kelly can be reached at :

704-377-0114 ext. 132

kparker@hawthornemgmt.com



## Common Community Concerns

The board is hearing a variety of concerns but there are some that are more common. As a result, we need to reiterate:

👉 **Pet Owners**, bring a poop scoop or plastic bag to clean up after pets when walking them. Remember, Charlotte leash law requires dogs be on a leash or contained in a fence.

👉 **Parents**, don't allow your

to ride bikes or walk through other's yards. It's disrespectful.

👉 **Litter** is still a major problem especially at bus stops. Parents PLEASE encourage your children (even the high schoolers) to take pride in our community by not littering.

👉 For our safety, please **call the police** if you witness criminal or suspicious activity.