



## TRAMMEL ESTATES COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### NEWSLETTERS

Have something to add? Share neighborhood photos, stories, achievements or anything else you would like to have published.

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*Life began with  
waking up and loving  
my mother's face.*

*- George Eliot*

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

Last month's theme certainly was, 'April showers'. The good news is it helped with our water bills and everything is green and growing. The bad news is "everything" green and growing includes nasty weeds. I guess Mother Nature has a puddle for every path.

We are still waiting for the City to mark underground utilities before the sprinkler heads can be adjusted at the front entrance. We want ensure that the new 25 shrubs of Ligustrum get the best water coverage.

Hopefully you've noticed the fresh new annuals greeting us at our entrance. Yea! We replaced two very sad (and dead) box hedges by the wall with variegated evergreen holly, and relocated the remaining box hedges to better spots. Additionally, Covenant, our new landscapers were finally been able to cover most common areas with pine straw.

We are also planning to add more vegetation in both cul de sac areas but need more reserves in the budget for an irrigation system to sustain it. We'll get there!

April 22<sup>nd</sup> was Earth Day and here at Trammel Estates a few neighbors thought to make our little piece of earth a bit cleaner. A big thanks to Jamuna, her son, Adithya, Sri's son Nithil, and my husband, Leon for baling pine straw, pulling weeds and sprucing up the front entrance. I quickly discovered it was not a job for the weak of heart. Those bales are *heavy* and the weeds, *stubborn!*



The Architectural Design Committee (ARC) met on Monday, April 27 and came up with a design plan we think will keep our community looking nice. We will incorporate it into our existing covenant which is registered with the state.

Bob and Robin Johnson have sold their home and will be closing on May 15<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to once again thank them for all their time and experience in helping us establish our HOA Board. They will be missed and we wish them well in their new home.

Lastly, Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day and we'd like to wish all the moms out there an extra special day filled with love.

## APRIL GARDENING TIPS

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From Walter Reeves – The Georgia Gardener  
[www.walterreeves.com](http://www.walterreeves.com)

### FIRST WEEK:

- No matter which grass, your turf will look its best if you follow a calendar of maintenance tasks. Download your lawn calendar at Lawn Care Calendars.
- Treat for azalea lace bugs if you've had problems in the past. Insecticidal soap, horticultural oil and synthetic insecticide chemicals all work well, sprayed under the leaves.
- Look for tiny "toothpicks" on the trunk of your Japanese maple, Kwansan cherry and other small landscape trees. The Asian ambrosia beetle is spreading death-dealing fungus inside the trunk.
- Plant begonias, coleus, geraniums, petunias and vinca for summer-long color in your landscape.
- Fill the ruts and low spots in your lawn with a 1:1 mixture of sand and topsoil. Sweep with a broom afterwards to expose growing grass blades.

### SECOND WEEK:

- Snip off sprouts from the base and lower trunk of crepe myrtles that are being trained to grow in an upright tree form.
- Remove leafless limbs from shade trees. If they don't have leaves by now, they won't be coming back.
- Dig, divide and transplant your crowded irises to a better location, if needed, after they bloom.
- [Prune](#) early-flowering azaleas now that they have finished blooming. Remove tall sprouts at their base, inside the shrub.

### THIRD WEEK:

- [Pinch](#) out the growing tips of rhododendron limbs now that flowers are gone. You'll get many more flowers next year.
- Plant rosemary, basil, oregano, dill and other herbs for savory summer meals.
- Place a newspaper [mulch](#) 10 sheets thick under tomato plants to prevent leaf diseases. Cover with pine straw.

### FOURTH WEEK:

- Control fire ants by lightly scattering a bait over your lawn. Forty-eight hours later, use an insecticide on any large mounds you can see. Repeat in September.
- Plants need an [inch of water](#) per week. What's an inch of water? If rainfall or irrigation fills an empty soup can to a depth of one inch, that's just what plants need.
- Don't put rocks in the bottom of houseplant pots. They actually decrease drainage and aeration for the plant roots.
- The best time to water is between 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. This allows the grass to dry before nightfall the next day and prevents disease.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Use the fresh mint from your herb garden for this southern tradition:

### [Classic Mint Julep](#)



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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Are you interested in starting or participating in a Trammel Estates social club or activity ?

- ❖ Book club
- ❖ Neighborhood garage sale
- ❖ Memorial Day Block Party
- ❖ Bunco, Mahjong or Poker
- ❖ Walking or Jogging group

Share your ideas with Cathy Thomas at [ibu\\_cathy@yahoo.com](mailto:ibu_cathy@yahoo.com)

## RESIDENT REPORTS

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As you travel around the neighborhood and notice something that needs to be fixed in the common areas, please contact Marquis Management at 770.599.6630.

## HELPFUL LINKS

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[Marquis Management, Inc.](#)

[The City of Cumming](#)

[Forsyth County Government Page](#)

## CRAFT CORNER

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### Mother's Day Totes



Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Come on dads – help the kids out with this project guaranteed to touch Mom's heart.  
[Click here to learn how.](#)