

February 2008 HOA Meeting

The February Camden Pointe Annual HOA meeting was held on Wednesday, February 20th. Attending were 24 homeowners as well as Joe Beckford, Tony Corroto, Brad Ellingson, Scott Maskell, and Tracey Mlincsek of the Camden Pointe HOA Board and Denise Hindes of All-In-One Management. Topics discussed included the new Allatoona High School, our water situation, amenities, Camden Cash – the Scrip Program, and the new Camden Pointe Directory.

The first part of the meeting was hosted by the new Principal of Allatoona High School, Scott Bursmith. Mr. Bursmith brought along his Assistant Principal for Athletics and Operations, Ben Morrell, to add commentary on specific programs to be available and what time frame. To hit the high points, Mr. Bursmith announced that Allatoona will have an A/B schedule instead of the 4x4 Harrison uses. This means students will take 8 classes for a complete school year alternating MWF and TTH meeting times instead of 4 classes every day for a single semester.

The school will have cutting edge technology. The campus will be all Wi-Fi ready with an all fibre-optic network for data transmission and will be the only school in Cobb County to have the “Blackboard” (<http://www.blackboard.com>) technology, allowing students to do much of their work online. Classrooms will have telephones, pull-down screens and ceiling-mounted projection systems.

The school will have a world-class music program. Mr. Bursmith has hired Ms. Ginny Markham to be Band Director. She is currently Assistant Band Director at Kell High School in Marietta and has been for the last two years, was Assistant Band Director at Lassiter High for six years, and was a Drum Major at the University of Georgia. Mr. Bursmith has also hired Mr. Jim Palmer as Orchestra Director and Fine Arts Chairman. Mr. Palmer comes to us from Chattahoochee High School (Alpharetta) where he is currently Orchestra Director and chair of the fine arts department.

The school will also have a full-blown athletics program in its first year. Gary Varner will be the head coach of the Varsity Football Team. Mr. Varner comes to us as offensive coordinator from the Roswell Hornets. Other coach hirings are in the works and programs are being built for the Fall Opening. Mr. Bursmith left us with the thoughts that Allatoona is the school kids in Cobb County will be begging to go to and people will be begging to buy homes in Camden Pointe to get in there. We all support him in this goal!

In other meeting news, our landscape company owner, Royce, brought to the floor discussion of the possibility of Camden Pointe drilling a well to be able to provide water for the landscaping and pool, thus mitigating the ban on outdoor watering and reducing our overall water bill. There are costs involved and some serious decisions to be made. So the board is putting together a focus group to fully investigate whether or not Camden Pointe should invest the money and install a well here. If you are interested in contributing your knowledge/opinion/time to the group, please contact Denise Hinds of All-In-One Management as soon as possible.

Camden Cash: Big News – WALMART is now included in the Camden Cash program. This means you buy a Camden Cash Scrip Card (a gift card) from Camden Pointe and you get full dollar-for-dollar value on the card and WALMART pays Camden Pointe on the back. You can direct the money toward any fund you might wish to support, or just overall funds. If every home in Camden Pointe spent \$25/week at Walmart using Camden Cash Scrip Cards, Camden Pointe would get \$10,000 in a year! Check out the Scrip Program with Brad Ellingson on Tuesday nights in the small clubhouse.

Amenities: there is an expansion of the pool deck in the works that will be completed by summer and the Camden KidzKorner is now complete. Everyone seems really seems to be enjoying the new amenity, but the board asks to please not bring pets into the play area. Signs will be posted shortly advising pet owners to keep their animals outside the fence. This is for our children's safety as well as the cleanliness and maintenance of the playscape.

Remember your annual HOA dues were due on the 15th of February. If you haven't done so, make sure you pay by March 15th. Homeowners will be considered 30 days late and not in good standing beyond this date. The new Camden Pointe online directory is going up with postcards containing the username and password for the directory being mailed to those homeowners in good standing. Anyone not paid up by the 15th will not receive the card. Please make paying your dues a priority.

Finally, don't miss the next HOA meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30pm in the large clubhouse. Bring your thoughts, concerns, opinions and suggestions, but most importantly an open mind and a sense of humor. See you there!