

The Babbling Brook

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2012 Forest Brook Homeowner's Association Board of Directors

President <i>Kip Knauth</i>	Vice-President <i>Andrea Figlia</i>	Secretary <i>Judy Anderson</i>	Treasurer <i>Scott Friedrich</i>	Member-at-Large <i>CiCi Christ</i>
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Annual Meeting Announced

Mark your calendars! The 2012 annual HOA meeting will be held at the East Cobb Library on Wednesday, May 2nd from 6:00-7:30pm.



2012 Annual Assessments

The 2012 annual assessment and meeting package will be delivered by April 1st. Dues will be due by **May 15th**.



Board Members Needed



We will have two open positions for the board. Each position is a two-year commitment. If you like to be considered for a position, please email board@forestbrookhoa.org to have your name be placed onto the ballot.

We would like to thank outgoing HOA President Kip Knauth and Board Member CiCi Christ for their multiple terms of service to the HOA.

Babysitters Available

Janie Wright – (770) 650-xxxx

Marissa Tominer – (770) 640-xxxx

Judy Anderson – (404) 992-xxxx/(770) 992-xxxx

Kylie Andrews – (404) 234-xxxx



New Tree Planted

We recently had a new October Glory Maple tree planted near the benches at the tennis courts. This was to fill in the empty space that was vacated when we had to remove the old sickened tree several years ago.



Dog Days of Summer

It's dog walking season again, and that means dog POOP season again.

Every responsible dog owner agrees... picking up after your dog is a MUST. No matter where or when it occurs, there is NO excuse for not scooping the poop. So here are 10 reasons why EVERY dog owner MUST be responsible for picking up EVERY TIME.



1. **It's the law** (Cobb Co Ordinance). It's unlawful NOT to pick up after your dog.
2. **It's common courtesy**. Cleaning up after your dogs shows respect for our neighbors and our community.
3. **Dog Poop is unhealthy**. Abandoned dog poop can host diseases and/or parasites which can infect other dogs who come into contact with it, or be transmitted to people who accidentally step in it and track it home.
4. **Dog Poop bio-degrades slowly**. Some people think it's okay to leave dog poop because it will break down naturally. However, the biodegradation process is very slow.
5. **It's not fertilizer!** In fact, poop impedes landscaping efforts. Leaving dog poop encourages other dogs to mark that spot (by urinating over the previous dog's scent) creating "nitrogen burn."
6. **Dog Poop pollutes the water**. Dog feces, like any feces, contains high levels of nutrients, like nitrogen and phosphorus, which actually pollute the water.
7. **Dog Poop is unsightly**. Everybody knows that. It's disgusting. Pick it up.
8. **Dog Poop tops the list of complaints against dogs**. More than dog aggression, nuisance barking or unsupervised dogs, most complaints against dogs are about people not cleaning up after their dogs.
9. **Dog Poop makes all dog owners look bad**. Every time you don't pick up after your dog, you are giving one more reason for others to dislike dogs and dog owners.
10. Your actions set an example for others. When you pick up after your dog, you are part of the solution! And your actions will help convey the message that it's the right thing to do.