

**News Flash**

The McKenzie Station (MSHOA) has successfully completed its tenth year. We accomplished the goals that were set forth in 2002. The MSHOA continues to improve the appearance by repairing and painting the street signs, replacing light bulbs, planting grass seed, seasonal flowers and ongoing maintenance.

Just compare it to the entrances to some of the surrounding subdivisions.

*What a difference it makes!!*

We have replanted most of the plants at the entrance. How does it look?

As you may know some of the undeveloped lots in the neighborhood are mowed by Henry County but they do not pick up trash, trim, edge, provide weed control, or keep the grass clippings out of the road after they mow. If you live next to one of these lots, consider developing a plan with your neighbors to maintain the property. For those who already perform these tasks, we truly appreciate your efforts in helping maintain the appearance. A **BIG THANKS** goes out to you!!

Although we are still in tough economic times, and the housing market continues to fluctuate, our neighborhood has not been hit as hard as others. Almost all the empty houses from last year are occupied. We hope everyone continues to do their part in keeping their homes and yard looking nice. However, if there is a house for sale and the yard is not being kept then give the real estate company a call and request the lawn be maintained. The bank owned homes are maintained after they have owned them for about 6 weeks. We have had to cut several of them during the summer because the grass was too high after three weeks.

**Website**

Visit our website [www.mckenziestation.org](http://www.mckenziestation.org).

**Safety Watch**

On behalf of MSHOA, we would like to encourage our homeowners who live on the streets or in areas of the neighborhood who do not have adequate street lighting, to leave their outside lights on at night. If you travel, create the illusion that you are home by installing timers that turn lights on and off automatically in different areas of your house throughout the day.

If you live in an area with inadequate lighting, additional street lights are available through Snapping Shoals EMC and the tax commission. If you have a street light out contact Snapping Shoals EMC for free repair.

Unfortunately, due to recent crime in our neighborhood, it is important to remind everyone to lock your vehicle doors when unattended. The crime reported is related to people coming through the neighborhood and stealing items out of unlocked vehicles. There was a break in this year. No one was home so they knew when to break in. If you have an alarm system please arm it when you leave and even at night when you sleep. Summer is a great time to walk the neighborhood for exercise and watching out for crime in the neighborhood.

**Parking on Streets**

We have continued to see a noticeable improvement and decrease in the amount of parking on the streets, particularly in areas where the view may be obstructed by a hill. We greatly appreciate everyone’s support and participation in keeping our neighborhood safe for everyone driving including our new drivers.

**Neighbors Everywhere**

Take the time to get to know your neighbors. Good neighbors can help you watch your house while your gone and help you find your pet when their lost.

**Street signs**

This year we will replace a street sign on McKenzie Dr and New Hood Rd. They are almost all changed out to the non-wood style. We have noticed something eating the signs. It wouldn’t be termites but we haven’t seen what is eating the signs.

**MSHOA Annual Dues**

The annual association fee $30.00 for 2012 is due. Invoices will be sent out as a reminder to mail in your dues. The HOA account is getting very low and we need your support to help maintain certain areas of the neighborhood. Make checks payable to: ***McKenzie Station Homeowners Association*** and mail to:

***MSHOA***

***PO Box 888***

***Stockbridge Ga. 30281***

Homeowners who are current on their association dues your support and participation is

**GREATLY** **Appreciated!!**

If you are a homeowner who declines being a HOA member but would like to support efforts to maintain the front of the neighborhood you may provide a contribution as a Patron Resident. Please note “Patron” in the memo portion of your check.

Several homeowners have done this and **we** **thank you**!

Since the HOA began in 2002, the annual dues have remained constant; We continue to look for ways to reduce expenses, and increase participation.