

# THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

SPRING CHASE I



Spring Chase I Apartments  
4949 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083  
(404) 292-4012 Office and/or Emergency Number

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The Advocate is published monthly with news for the Spring Chase residents by the HADC Compliance Department. Residents or clubs are invited to submit short "announcements" and/or pictures from activities held. Please submit to your property manager and we will publish (depending on space) in the next available newsletter.

## Five Tips For Building A Raised Bed Garden

- ◆ Choose the right location
- ◆ Choose the right materials
- ◆ Consider the shape and size
- ◆ Choose The Right Soil
- ◆ Keep it Simple



### Step 1. Garden Location:

Selecting the proper site for your garden consists of light, drainage, soil and nutrients. Maximum light = maximum growth. Pick a location that gets 6-8 hours full sunlight daily. Better drainage = less wet feet for your garden plants. Grade with a gentle slope & bow. Raised beds = better and easier soil preparation. Mark out your area and install timbers.

### Step 2. Choosing Plants and Design:

Prepare an inventory of plants you wish to grow, divide your plant list by cold and warm season plants, determine when it's safe to plant each crop, which plants co-exist together by height, compatibility & soil requirements and sun/shade tolerance. Draw a design.

### Step 3. Purchasing Plants:

Allow plants space to grow whether planted from seeds or transplants. Determine how many plants per sq. ft. you'll need. Determine which crops grow best from transplants: tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cabbages, collards, broccoli, brussels sprouts; and crops best grown from direct seeds: carrots, beets, cucumber, squash, melon, beans, corn.

### Step 4. Amending your soil:

The goal in amending garden soil is to achieve a loose, fertile, well-drained, humus soil. First get rid of the weeds. To reduce the potential of weeds in a new bed, strip out and remove existing grass. Or cover the grass with landscape fabric or 5 layers of newspaper (bottom of bed). The landscape fabric or paper will inhibit the emergence of the existing grass up to the plants. Do this BEFORE adding any topsoil or amendments of organic matter, sand and fertilizer. To loosen garden soil in a freestanding garden, add organic matter (sphagnum peat moss and/or well-rotted compost) and create a soil that when squeezed into a ball it crumbles when broken. Start by laying a 2-inch thick layer of organic material over the garden soil and work it into the soil to at least an 8-inch depth by mixing it up with a spade shovel. A sticky garden soil indicates high content of clay particles or poor drainage, add coarse sand or perlite to improve drainage. A soil that will not hold together indicates too much sand and inability to hold adequate water, add organic matter (peat moss or compost). The garden soil should be a mixture of topsoil, organic matter and coarse sand or perlite at a ratio of 3 parts soil: 3 parts organic matter: 1 part sand or perlite. This makes an evenly drained soil with nutrient holding capacity. If you have no topsoil, purchase a bag of screened topsoil from your home / garden center.

### Step 5. Take advantage of every square inch of space:

Before planting, learn the relationship of plants & their needs. See charts by Frame It All: Timbers / Supplies: <http://www.frameitall.com>  
General Plant Info: [http://www.frameitall.com/documents/general\\_garden\\_info.pdf](http://www.frameitall.com/documents/general_garden_info.pdf)  
Plant Friends / Enemies: [http://www.frameitall.com/documents/friends\\_and\\_enemies.pdf](http://www.frameitall.com/documents/friends_and_enemies.pdf)



## RESOURCE NUMBERS

Friends of Disabled Adults & Children  
770-491-9014

Oakhurst Medical Center 404-298-8998

Walgreens Pharmacy 404-508-7166 <sup>24 hr</sup>

Poison Control 404-616-9000

Police ~ Fire ~ Ambulance 911



Non-emergency Police 404-294-2323

United Way 211

HADC Central Office 404-270-2500

HADC web site [www.dekalbhousing.org](http://www.dekalbhousing.org)

## FREE DeKalb County Prescription Discount Card

No forms or enrollment fee ~ Any age ~  
Begin using it immediately ~ No  
restrictions or limits on how often you use  
it. This plan is not an insurance plan but a  
joint effort of DeKalb County and the  
National Association of Counties (NACo).  
Available at participating pharmacies  
and savings may vary by drug type.

Pick up a card at any HADC office  
call 877-321-2652 for more info or  
visit <https://naco.advancerx.com>

## HEALTH CORNER

### East DeKalb County Health Center

770-484-2600

Hours Monday - Friday 8:15 am - 4:00 pm

The DeKalb County Board of Health offers many

clinical and health services at the East Dekalb Health

Center located at 2277 South Stone Mountain-Lithonia Rd.

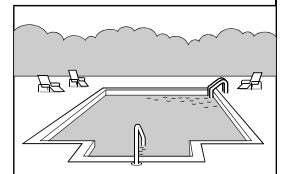


#### Services:

- **Adult primary care** (by appointment)
- **Blood test for marriage**
- **Breast and Cervical Cancer screening**
- **Family Planning services**
- **Hearing and Vision screening**
- **HIV testing and counseling**
- **Immunization for travel**
- **Mammogram referral**
- **Medicaid enrollment (available)**
- **Obstetric services** (by appointment)
- **Post partum exams**
- **Pregnancy test**
- **Prenatal care**
- **Sexually transmitted disease tests/treatment**
- **Tuberculosis services**
- **Dental services** (by appointment - **770-484-2623**)

## POOL NEWS

The Pool will open in June after school is out.  
Parents must accompany children under 18 yrs  
in the pool area at all times.  
Management is not responsible  
for watching your children  
while at the swimming pool.



## BOOKNOOK CORNER



### Stone-Mountain-Sue Kellogg Branch

952 Leon St, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Hours: 10 am - 8 pm Monday - Wednesday

10 am - 5 pm Thursday - Saturday

**Phone: 770-413-2020**

*Library cards are FREE to DeKalb County  
residents – visit your branch today!*

[www.dekalblibrary.org](http://www.dekalblibrary.org)

## DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

*- a great place to go to keep your mind sharp*

#### Here are some of the programs available:

- Large print books
- Free mailbox books (books mailed to your home)
- Services for people with disabilities
- Adult Basic Education classes
- Free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- Free U.S. Citizenship classes
- Free computer lab (call ahead to reserve)
- Computer classes (Internet, MS Word)
- Test preparation (GED, ASVAB, & many others)
- Reading program for children

## HADC Resident Advisory Board (RAB)

**RAB Meetings** - Held the 1st Monday of each month at the HADC central office from 6-8 pm

**Next meeting: Monday, May 7, 2007**

### Bus Pick-up Schedule:

Johnson Ferry East	4:00 pm
Hairston Lake	5:00 pm
Spring Chase	5:15 pm
Tobie Grant Manor	5:30 pm



## Attention 1st Time Homebuyer's in DeKalb County

Applications are now being accepted for the DeKalb County 1st Time Homebuyer Program funded by the DeKalb County Community Development Department and administered by the Housing Authority of DeKalb County (HADC).



The HADC is a HUD & Georgia Department of Community Affairs housing counseling agency. As a housing counseling agency, the HADC Homeownership Center assists families in pre-purchase counseling, post purchase counseling, rental counseling, and mortgage default / delinquency counseling.

The next HADC Homebuyer Orientation will be held on **Tuesday, May 1, 2007 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.**

The next Realizing the American Dream Future Homeowners Educational Workshop will be held on **Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.**

The orientation & workshop at held at the central office of HADC and advance registration is required for both the orientation and the workshop. You can call **404-270-2600** or register by email at [bdh@dekalbhousing.org](mailto:bdh@dekalbhousing.org).

## Property Management Reminders

We would like to wish all Spring Chase mothers a Happy Mother's Day. You are invited to stop by the office for coffee and just to chat.

### Exhaust Fans

Please note that running the vent fan in kitchen and bath areas to help in preventing the build-up of moisture.

### Laundry Room

The laundry room is temporarily closed for extensive repairs due to vandalism.

### Crime Prevention

Be sure to lock all windows and doors before leaving your home. Be alert to suspicious activity such as individuals going into occupied apartments who are not on the resident's lease or going into vacant apartments, individuals going door to door looking into windows and doors or looking into parked cars, or individuals hanging around mailboxes or the mailroom. All suspicious persons or activities should be reported immediately to the police and then to management.



**STOP CRIME !**



**Residents & guests**  
**Please watch where you park!**



Cars parked in no parking zones and 18 wheeler trucks are prohibited!  
Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.

**Residents with trash left outside of apt door will receive a \$50.00 charge.**

Please take your trash to the dumpster where it belongs.



## DeKalb Cooperative Extension Service

**4380 MEMORIAL DRIVE, DECATUR, GA 30032**  
**MAIN OFFICE: 404-298-4080**

### Educational Classes

#### Creative Gardening Series:


	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Nuisance Critter ID and Control	May 29	\$5 class
Don't Wash Your Money Away	June 26	\$5 class
Developing & Re-establishing Native Habitat	Aug 30	\$5 class

#### Home Based Business Basics Series:

	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Bookkeeping Basics	May 1	\$5 - all 4
Marketing Your New Business	May 8	classes
Making the Business Legal	May 15	
Evaluate the Venture	May 22	

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## SPRING CHASE I COMMUNITY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 RENT IS DUE	2	3	4	5 RENT IS LATE after 5 pm
6	7 Pest control  RAB Meeting 6-8pm -Bus p/u 5:15pm	8	9	10	11	12 OFFICE OPEN
13 Happy Mother's Day	14 Pest control	15	16	17	18	19 OFFICE OPEN
20	21 Pest control	22	23	24	25 Last day of school	26 OFFICE OPEN
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY 	29	30	31		POOL opens in June