



Dear Neighbors,

While Social Distancing has its points, too much can bring on Social Isolation! Many of us are at home now, but being "in the house" doesn't need to mean "all alone." This might be an opportunity to build community and learn more about one another.

Introducing The Fox Chapel Connection your neighborhood newsletter. In this newsletter, you'll be able to learn more about the folks in your neighborhood through interviews, learn about what's going on in the neighborhood, and stay up-to-date on all things Fox Chapel. You may also use this newsletter as a resource for reaching out to your HOA if you're in need of a helping hand.

If you'd like to suggest someone to be featured in the newsletter, email FoxChapelHOAsecretary@gmail.com, and you will be contacted by email or phone for information.

Your Fox Chapel HOA

Neighborhood Spotlight

Don Gosden, 1879

Don is an "original settler" of Fox Chapel and neighbors have probably seen him on his daily 3 mile walks exploring the neighborhoods off Atlanta Road between here and Paces Ferry Road.



Born in Brooklyn, NY, Don and his wife Joan both grew up in Queens and attended the same grade school and high school. They were married for 62 years until he lost her last year. They married his senior year in college. Two of their sons live in the Atlanta area and the third in a Baltimore suburb. Don has four grandchildren, and the eldest is in Med school.

Don and Joan lived in New York state for much of their married life as he worked with IBM - actual "business machines" (i.e., with punch cards), first as an engineer, and then in sales. They spent 1972-74 in Germany with the company. Their shared interest outside family was duplicate bridge, as Don says, one of his college "majors."

IBM brought them eventually to Dunwoody, and after retirement they discovered Vinings, and then a new subdivision under construction, Fox Chapel.

In 1998, as you entered Fox Chapel Drive, leaving Cooper Lake Drive, you had to pass busy Camp Highland Road where the Highland Station Publix is now; it came later with the E-W Connector. Instead of townhomes behind Don's house were a handful of houses and a barn with horses.

The new subdivision had no children! It was made up mostly of first-time homeowners and retirees, according to Don. Don served on the Architectural Control Committee of our HOA. He has "always been a walker" and other interests now are reading, jig-saw puzzles and social bridge at East Cobb Senior Center.

What do you do for fun in our area?

Watching a community change. Walking as I do lets me see the details of how things have changed over the years. Some areas are unrecognizable from before.

What are your favorite restaurants?

I miss Blackstones Steakhouse! We had our 50th anniversary party there. But Canoe and Jim 'N Nick's Barbecue are good.

What's the first thing you want to do when the Quarantine is over?

Play Bridge! It disrupted what little social life I had!

What do you want neighbors to know about you?

I have plenty of advice, and welcome a chance to chat! (*wink from Don!*)

Interested in trying one of Don's restaurants suggestions?

Both Canoe and Jim 'N Nick's are offering take out options during this time.

For more information, visit:

jimnicks.com
canoeatl.com

JIM'N NICK'S
COMMUNITY
BAR-B-Q

CANOE

Neighborhood Spotlight

Karuna Kour, 1854 and sister

Kiran Kunduri, 1856

While many of us are onesies and twosies during this quarantine, another dynamic is going on in our neighborhood.

At the end of our cul-de-sac are the families of two sisters who work, eat, and play as one, during this pandemic. This includes Gopal and Anita Samudrala, parents of Karuna and Kiran, who arrived for a visit just before the quarantine began. Gopal and Anita are from Hyderabad, in southern India, where the young women grew up, and plans now are for their return in August. They have been wonderful support to the families in this unusual time.

Kiran got her Bachelors in Engineering in India and came to Ames, Iowa, to pursue her PhD. She met Adi, a Tech alum, at a conference in Savannah. She moved to his home in Vinings after they were married in 2012. In 2013 they found the perfect home at 1856 Fox Chapel Drive. Adi works at VM Ware as a Product Marketing Director and Kiran is with Delta Airlines as a Pricing Specialist. They have a daughter, 2 year-old Aahana and Lego, a lab/beagle mix.



Top row: Karuna and Sudhir Kovur, Gopal and Anita Samudrala and Adi and Kiran Kunduri

Bottom row: Abhay and Ameiy Kovur and Aahana Kunduri

Meanwhile, Karuna, who got her MBA in India, came to work in Des Moines, Iowa, after her marriage to Sudhir; they moved to our area in 2017. He is a Cloud Architect for Assurant Insurance and Karuna works for Georgia Tech as an Applications Developer. Karuna and Sudhir were living with Kiran and Adi when 1854 became available - and Karuna and Sudhir nabbed it. They have two sons, Ameiy, 5, and Abhay, 3. Karuna also manages our HOA website. Thank you, Karuna!

Karuna loves to sing and had just begun acoustic guitar lessons in March. She was practicing on her own until a string broke and hopes to start lessons again soon. She also paints in acrylics and loves to read. One of her recent favorites includes Madeline L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*, a young adult adventure across time and space against evil forces - a perfect read for this time!

Kiran loves dogs, and before Aahana, volunteered at the Atlanta Humane Society. Now, as time allows, she will binge on Netflix and loves *The Good Place*. She and her sister remember fondly as girls in India watching *I Dream of Jeannie* and they still watch it together.

What is something you do while "Sheltering in Place" that's helping you to get by?

Kiran: Our family began a garden post-virus and I like watching the carrots, peppers and other vegetables growing. And not watching the news!

Karuna: Playing my guitar, guided meditation before sleep, and we like to cook and eat together. Our husbands do all the cooking. They are great cooks - everything from Italian to Indian street food.

What's the first thing you want to do when the Quarantine is over?

Karuna: Go to Savannah - I've never been there.

Kiran: Travel to Hawaii!

What do you want your neighbors to know about you?

Karuna and Kiran together: A fun fact, our children's initials are all A.K. and all three were all born on the 22nd of different months of different seasons.

HOA REMINDER

Before starting a exterior home project, make sure you get it approved by the ACC. Simply fill out the form on the neighborhood website and submit it to the ACC.

For more information email
FoxChapelHOAsecretary@gmail.com

NAME THE FOX CONTEST

Have a clever name for our fox friend below?

If you have children under the age of 12, submit their name suggestions to BLayng101@gmail.com.

Good Luck!



Have something to share?

If you have something to share or want to suggest someone to be highlighted, reach out to FoxChapelHOAsecretary@gmail.com and you could be in the next Fox Chapel Connection!

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