



Distanced...but not isolated

Dear Neighbors,

This issue of the Fox Chapel Connection features our HOA Board President, Traci Thomas, who has served as President for 4 years.

Keeping streetlights working, sidewalks repaired and clean, information flowing, paying liability insurance, listening to complaints and tending to neighborhood details takes time and effort. Fox Chapel would not be our attractive and safe home - and investment - without the Board's attention.

What is a community? We share a common ground - literally. Is a community more than occupying the same space?

In next few issues we'll be exploring how we are a community, and how each can feel a part.

Neighborhood Spotlight

Traci Thomas and Angela Bay, 1887

Family and sports are at the center of Traci and Angela's world. Traci, a Georgia native and Cobb resident since age 9, grew up in Austell with parents, Clara and Richard, and brother Barry. She played kickball, hockey, and stickball with the neighborhood boys in the cul-de-sac. In high school, Traci starred in basketball, softball, and tennis at Pebblebrook. Those sports scholarships took her to Emmanuel Jr. College and West Georgia University, where she graduated with a degree in Recreation.

For twenty-nine years, Traci managed tennis centers for Cobb County Parks. She has lived in Smyrna on and off for twenty-five years. She was a referee for women's Collegiate Basketball and the ABL (American Basketball League), which was the professional precursor to the WNBA. Traci has also umpired youth and adult recreational softball but her true passion is coaching tennis. She has her own business, Thomas Tennis (www.thomastennis.net).

Traci joined the HOA Board as President in 2017, the year she retired from Cobb. Her 3-year term is now in its 4th year. Her duties include everything from attending the monthly board meetings to dealing with the lawyer on retainer to handling homeowners complaints, including the recent Wednesday night music from J. R. Crickets. She enjoys the HOA camaraderie of decorating the entrance for Christmas, as well as dealing with parking issues or even break-ins. Making Fox Chapel a great place to live is her reward. Her favorite part of serving is working with neighbors and the County and getting things done. Her biggest challenge is sometimes getting people to respond to things that need attention.

Meanwhile, Angela grew up as an "Air Force brat." She was born in Virginia, but moved with parents Phil and Julie and brother Craig to Air Force postings in nine states and overseas in India. Her most impactful memory of India included the assassination of Indira Gandhi. The University of Florida was too big for this small school girl, so when her family relocated to GA, so did she.

She finished her math degree at Kennesaw State and was a walk on for the KSU tennis team. She fell in love with Georgia in 1990 and decided to stay. Her folks have now retired to Kissimmee, Florida.

Tennis brought them together in 1998. A mutual friend introduced them at a tennis lesson and the rest is history. They said their marriage vows before Cobb Justice Bridgett Campbell in 2015.

Rounding out their family are their furry kids, Bianca and Bennie. They also adore their role as aunts with Barry's twins, Christin and Brandon (22), and Craig's son Zane (20), and their new great nephew, Westin (1-1/2).

Both love to travel and a post-pandemic trip to Isla Mujeres in Mexico is on their horizon. They enjoy their time away at their cabin in Blue Ridge.

Traci enjoys golf, coaching, and working in the yard. Angela spends most nights and weekends on the tennis court playing and coaching, and makes cork birdhouses and Christmas trees with her dad.

What brought you to Fox Chapel?

While living in West Cobb, Angela had a long commute downtown for work. In 2006, while sitting in heavy traffic on the East-West Connector, Angela saw a For Sale sign in Fox Chapel. They bought that month. They have done a lot of upgrades to the house over the years, including adding a back porch, paver patio and swim-spa pool.

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

Angela has been working from home, so the pool and cabin have been their salvation. Angela has also turned an upstairs bedroom into an office and redone their sunroom. Traci has played lots of golf and spends time on HOA matters. They've been good neighbors, helping shop for others who don't get out.

What do you do for fun in our area?

During Covid, they go for picnics in Smyrna Market Village, with take-out from The Corner Taqueria and the Smyrna Beer Market.

What are some of your favorite restaurants?

Eleanor's Speakeasy at Muss & Turner's, South City Kitchen, and Mezza Luna on Spring Road.

What do you want your neighbors to know about you?

Traci says she has never met a stranger. If you see her in the yard, or if the Jeep is home, feel free to stop by for a chat or a beer - socially distanced, of course.



THE OFFICIAL FOX CHAPEL PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Thanks to Don Gosden, you can now swap your jigsaw puzzle for a new one at the puzzle exchange box located at 1879 Fox Chapel!

Time to get puzzling!



Play Ball!

Baseball season is back in full-swing. Check out the schedule below to see when you can catch a Braves game on TV.

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2020 Braves SCHEDULE

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HOME AWAY



WANT TO MAKE A CHANGE?

Before starting an 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

The HOA Team

Meet the team that works hard behind the scenes to keep Fox Chapel great! The board is always available for any questions and/or concerns.

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Have something to share?

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