

The Oldham Family

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Dear Neighbor:

I am the Defendant in a civil action styled High Gables Homeowners Association, Inc. v. Larry C. Oldham. Civil Action File No. 05-CV-2005, Superior Court of Forsyth County, Georgia. This will be the only unofficial communication you receive from me in connection with the Action, and I wanted to take the opportunity to let you inform yourself a little better about the Action if you so desire.

My wife, Lynn, and I have struggled with how best to handle this matter, since we are planning on living in the neighborhood for the next 20 or so years and we do not want to alienate our neighbors or cause our three sons, Matt, Rob and Drew, to be ostracized. Nevertheless, we did not choose the Forsyth County Superior Court as the forum for this dispute and now have no choice but to defend ourselves. I have a real problem with neighbors who will not deal with me on a face-to-face basis and for the life of me do not understand why it had to come to the HOA filing suit against me. Be that as it may, however, the driveway is now complete and it makes a certain amount of sense to stop the madness.

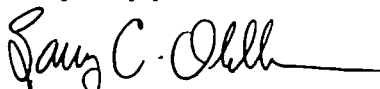
To avoid having to explain myself to each of you, I have elected to create a <High Gables> page on my firm website, www.lcopc.com, where, if you choose, you can inform yourselves of the issues involved and keep abreast of the latest developments. I have made an offer to the HOA Board to settle this matter amicably which I genuinely hope it will accept and you can find a copy of this letter on the web page.

If you drive by our lot you will notice that we have installed a temporary catfish mailbox that I bought as a joke back when I received an anonymous letter from one of the neighbors (see the July 10 Letter in the <Correspondence> link on the web page). Based on the November 25 response I received from the HOA Board to my November 14 inquiry about the neighborhood standard for mailboxes (again see the <Correspondence> link), I thought it fitting to install the catfish until the issue regarding the mailbox is resolved.

Lynn and I recognize that the actions of both sides in this matter may be seen to those who are not involved as childish and/or silly – or, at the very least, downright un-neighborly – but we had always hoped to avoid it escalating to its present status. We see no need for any of us to waste any more time or resources on this matter.

I apologize for contacting you with this mass mailing, but I have not yet obtained a list of all of the home owners in the neighborhood. I encourage you to visiting the web page and to make your feelings known to the HOA Board and/or me through an e-mail message to me. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



Larry C. Oldham