

NECESSITIES OF LIFE IN BIG CANOE

Compiled by the Big Canoe Property Owners Association

Addresses:

Lot numbers have been used since Big Canoe's inception. The POA, FedEx, UPS, AJC and others use lot numbers to locate your property.

If your home is new or you do not know your "911 address", you need to IMMEDIATELY call either Dawson County 706/344-3665 or Pickens County 706/253-8980. Many of the utility companies will not establish or transfer service without the "911 address". Our emergency vehicles respond to your "911 address," therefore it is required that all residences be identified with 911 numbers. Your 911 number should be placed on both sides of your street post. You may contact Dennis Wright at 706/265-7417 or Dan Design at 706/692-0202 to obtain your lot post.

About our mail and mailing address:

We get our mail by Rural Free Delivery from our main post office is in Jasper. We have a post office building in the Big Canoe village for our individual boxes. Think of it as a place where all our RFD boxes are located. You can arrange for a box assignment at our Big Canoe post office or the Jasper Post Office at 706/253-4300. There is no other window service for such things as stamps and money orders at this office.

Use the following format for your address:

Jane Doe
1234 Turkey Lane (Use your lot number.)
10000 Big Canoe (Use your post office box number here.)
Jasper, GA 30143-1234

Utilities:

Contact the following private companies for your utility setups.

- Cable TV -Alltel 800/251-6412 both counties.
- Electrical - Amicalola EMC 706/253-5200 both counties.
- Garbage - There is no charge to drop off your garbage at the Garbage Center at the North Gate. The Pickens County Recycle Center is located on Cove Road off of Steve Tate Hwy.
- Telephone –Dawson County residents call Windstream at 800/251-6412; Pickens County residents call TDS 888/837-4002.
- Water - Big Canoe Utilities 706/268-3400 both counties.
- Atlanta Journal & Constitution Newspaper 706/692-7780

Property Owner Identification Cards:

Your closing attorney must provide the following four items to Big Canoe POA Accounting Office so they can enter you into the system and mail out a property owner ID card:

1. Confirmation that the seller has paid all monies due to the POA,
2. Copy of settlement statement,
3. Transfer fees and
4. Waiver of right of first refusal.

Cards and a new homeowners packet are mailed out each Friday after Big Canoe POA receives your documents from the closing attorney or the above items may be taken to the POA Accounting Office (at the Canoe Lodge) Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Transponders and Automated Gates

To obtain your transponder retrieve the Property Owner Vehicle Data Form [PDF] on line at <http://bigcanoepoa.org/gatetags.htm>. Fill out the form and bring it with you to either gate for it to be applied to your vehicle by our gate personnel. Or stop by the Canoe Lodge to pick up the form, and follow the same procedure.

Each home will be provided two transponders, each lot one. Additional transponders may be purchased for family members living full time at your residence with the additional paperwork. The cost is \$15 that can be billed to your lot.

Family Identification Cards:

Property owners may pick up Annual ID cards, which allow their family members to enter the property by showing the ID card at the Main Gate or North Gate. These cards are available at the Canoe Lodge 706/268-3346 or at the Accounting Office 706/268-1114. An owner must pick up ID cards in person.

AMENITY MEMBERSHIP

The Golf Shop and Fitness Center are open seven days a week to accommodate our active lifestyle in Big Canoe. The golf and fitness staffs are prepared to process all amenity applications.

The Golf Shop can also assist on daily golf fees, lesson availability and upcoming activities. Daily fishing permits, boat rentals and spa services are scheduled and sold at the Fitness Center.

Membership questions can be addressed to Palmer Howard, Membership Director, at the Fitness Center or call Palmer at 706-268-3002 or email her at phoward@bigcanoepoa.org

Other Services:

Storage Yard: POA office 706/268-3346 for information regarding the storage area.

Canoe Racks: Call Sally Williams 706/669-0502 for information on canoe racks and/or the waiting list for in-water boat slips at the marina.

Home Services: Please call maintenance 706/268-3390 if you would like a 911 identification post installed or to purchase firewood. Based on staff availability, other services such as AC maintenance/repair and carpentry work can be arranged for reasonable rates.

Key Releases: Please call accounting at 706/268-1114 if you are interested in having security keep a key to your home and releasing it to authorized individuals. There is a \$25 fee for this service.

Communications:

The POA maintains a website at <http://bigcanoepoa.org>. Bi-weekly POA bulletins and other community information are posted to the site on a regular basis. E-mail notices are broadcast periodically to those who supply the POA webmaster with addresses. Big Canoe Community events and amenity hours are broadcast on Cable Channel 12 on your television. The Homeowners Association publishes *Smoke Signals*, the Big Canoe Community newspaper, mid-month. It is mailed to all property owners free of charge. Visit the paper’s website, Smoke Signals Online, at <http://bigcanoehoa.org/smokesignals/> for an electronic copy of the paper.

Architecture & Environment:

The Big Canoe Community is an architecturally and environmentally protected community. Before making an exterior change to your home or landscape, you need to call the AECD 706/268-3394. Also, the Big Canoe Community is an Audubon Society Wildlife Sanctuary.

Additional Information:

<i>Drivers license renewal and testing:</i>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Schedule/Detail</u>
Canton	770/720-3693	Tuesday-Saturday 9am-5pm
Blue Ridge	706/632-2216	Tuesday-Saturday from 9am-5pm
GA 400 State Patrol Office	770/205-5402	Tuesday-Saturday from 9am-5pm
Jasper EMS Station	706/253-7483	4th Wednesday every month 8am-4pm
Ellijay		3rd Monday every month 9am-5pm (Call the Blue Ridge post regarding testing in Ellijay.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Pickens County</u>	<u>Dawson County</u>
Voter Registration	706/253-8781	706/344-3640
Tax Commissioner	706/253-8882	706/344-3520
Sheriff’s Office	706/253-8901	706/344-3535
Chamber of Commerce	706/692-5600	706/265-6278