



Lake Crest News

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From the President

My goodness, 2012 is coming quickly to a close. It has been an interesting and rewarding year.

Your Lake Crest HOA has completed several projects to enhance our neighborhood and its amenities. When the pool opened this year, we had increased seating and additional furniture. This addition was well-received and made the pool accessible to more homeowners. We also had the pool resurfaced. The board also had a beautiful sign placed at the entrance of Lake Crest from Preserve Parkway. Not only does it welcome visitors to our community, the American Flag is proudly displayed.

In February, Premier Property Management started monitoring our neighborhood for compliance with our Covenants and Rules and Regulations. While it has been a growing process, there has been improvement in the overall maintenance and appearance of our community. That is thanks to each and every homeowner who lives here. Lake Crest is one of the premier communities in this area. I hope you all enjoy living here as much as I do.

Don't forget to put February 4 on your calendar for the Annual Homeowners' Meeting to be held in the Lake Crest Presbyterian church at 7 p.m.

I hope all of you have a happy and safe holiday season.

Margo Sitko
Acting President
Lake Crest Homeowners Association

If you have a change in your e-mail or other contact information, please notify the Lake Crest Property Manager at lchoa@bellsouth.net. To ensure that the newsletter and other communications from your Lake Crest Homeowners' Association are not blocked as spam, please add lchoa@bellsouth.net to your list of contacts.

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LCHOA Committee Chairs:

The following are the LCHOA committees and their contacts. If you have suggestions or concerns, or would like to serve on a committee, please contact the appropriate Chair.

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Pool



More information about community events, the Lake Crest

Covenants and Rules and Regulations, and forms to request ARC approval are available on the Lake Crest HOA website:

www.lakecresthoa.com

LCHOA Seeks Volunteers

The Lake Crest Homeowners' Association (LCHOA) is an organization of neighbors working together for the good of our neighborhood. Many of the amenities we enjoy in our community are thanks to the efforts of residents who volunteer their time to serve on the Board or committees of the LCHOA.

The LCHOA is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Board or as members of the Architectural Review Committee. In 2013 there will be four open Board seats and six openings on the ARC.

In order to volunteer, you must own and reside in a home in Lake Crest. Your HOA fees must be current and your home must be in compliance with the Covenants.

As an incentive for service, homeowners' dues are refunded to Board members after their first year of service. (Per the Covenants, HOA officers, who are selected from among the Board members, do not have their HOA fees waived.) To qualify for that refund, the Board member must have attended 75 percent of all Board meetings for that year.

Homeowners will be sent a proxy containing the names of the Board candidates and a vote will be taken at the annual HOA meeting to be held on February. Following the HOA meeting, the Board will select its officers and appoint ARC members. To express your interest, please send an e-mail to lchoa@bellsouth.net. The e-mail should contain your name, a brief description of qualifications and your address and phone number. You will also need to attend the Annual Homeowner's Association meeting on February 4, 2013.

LCHOA Board Exploring Playground Possibilities

One of the amenities we do not currently have in Lake Crest is a playground. Over the years a large number of our neighbors have asked about the possibility of building a playground that our children could enjoy. In early 2011 the Lake Crest board worked with a local architect on a long range plan for the neighborhood facilities. Those plans included relocating the current tennis courts to our property on Preserve Parkway (behind new sign) and replacing them with playground space. The pricing of this entire project was determined to be prohibitive at that time and the project was tabled.



As neighbors continue to ask about the playground, the Board is attempting to come up with a budget-minded solution. We have had several meetings with the City of Hoover and have determined that one solution is to place the playground on the Preserve Parkway lot. We have several vendors presenting plans with pricing we plan to discuss at our annual homeowners' meeting in February. The plan would be to build a playground, remediate the lot for some green space and construct four parking spaces. In the future if restrictions on lighted tennis courts change and funds are available, we may revisit moving the tennis courts and relocating the equipment

Traffic Concerns

The Lake Crest HOA continues to receive comments from neighbors about speeding and parked cars.

Cars parked in the street can reduce the street from two to one lane and often make it difficult to see oncoming cars. If you are entertaining, especially during the holiday season, please encourage guests to park in your driveway rather than the street whenever possible. Parking on the grass or in a natural area is prohibited. Please ask your guests to avoid blocking a neighbor's driveway.

The posted speed limit for our neighborhood is 25 mph. Please be alert for children who may be playing in the street or run out to chase a ball.

We have a number of residents who walk or jog at night. If you are out after dark, consider wearing reflective clothing so you can be seen by motorists.

To report traffic concerns, contact the Hoover Police Department.

2013 LCHOA Dues

Invoices for 2013 LCHOA dues will be mailed out on January 3rd and will be due by January 31st. Dues remain at \$480 for the year. Homes on Flag, Trumpet, and a section of WhiteStone Way will pay additional fees for yard maintenance. For homeowners choosing to pay dues via PayPal, there will be a 2.95 percent processing fee and \$.30 added to the transaction.

Delinquent Dues

Colleen Bradford	4874 Wood Springs Lane	\$1,373
Jenette England	4820 Wood Springs Lane	\$1,373
Richard Swanson	4769 Red Leaf Circle	\$3,093
Nancy Tobin	4873 Crystal Circle	\$1,933

Please be aware that per Lake Crest By-laws and Covenants, homeowners with delinquent dues are not allowed to vote in neighborhood elections, attend community activities or use the pool, clubhouse, or any of the Lake Crest facilities. These amounts do not include legal fees. Delinquent homeowners will have a lien placed against their homes which must be cleared before selling the homes.

Mark Your Calendar

LAKE CREST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

February 4, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Lake Crest Presbyterian Church

**LCHOA
Property Manager:**

Lauren Hood

Please submit neighborhood questions or concerns to by one of the following methods:

Mailing Address:
Lake Crest Clubhouse
581 Lake Crest Drive
Hoover, AL 35226

Phone:
205-987-9392 (office)
205-296-4876 (cell)

Email:
lchoa@bellsouth.net

In Writing:
There is a locked mailbox next to the pool gate.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

The neighborhood clubhouse is available for your use. The rental cost is \$60 plus a \$150 damage cleaning deposit. If the clubhouse is left as clean as at the start, the deposit check is torn up. The \$60 is non-refundable if the homeowner cancels. If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please call Lauren at 987-9392.

The pool is not part of the clubhouse rental nor can the pool be reserved.

Canine Good Neighbors

Barking dogs and owners failing to pick up after their pets are two of the most frequent complaints received from homeowners.

The City of Hoover has a leash law that requires that all pets must be on a leash attached to the hand of the owner or person in charge unless contained by perimeter boundaries such as underground or above-ground fencing.

When walking your pet, please carry along a bag so you can properly dispose of any waste.

While you may be accustomed to your dog's barking, persistent, uncontrolled barking creates a disturbance for those who live around you. If you have a complaint about barking, please contact your neighbors. Often they are unaware of the problem. If you continue to be disturbed by the barking, contact the City of Hoover Animal Control Department at 444-7760.



Architectural Review Committee Reminder

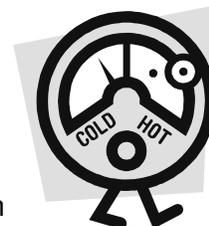
Please be aware that per the Lake Crest Covenants homeowners must request approval from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before making any changes to exterior or landscaping of their home. This includes, but is not limited to, improvements such as re-roofing, window or door replacement, painting, fencing, deck replacement or additions, and landscaping, including removal of any trees.

Forms to request ARC approval are available on the Lake Crest HOA website, www.lakecresthoa.com and should be submitted to Property Manager Lauren Hood prior to beginning any work on the home.

Winter Energy Savings

Looking for ways to lower your heating costs and improve your home's energy efficiency this winter? Check out these tips and the associated cost savings.

- ◆ Lower the thermostat setting a degree or two (save up to 3 percent per degree on heating costs)
- ◆ Regularly clean or replace the filter in your heating system (save between 5 and 15 percent on annual energy costs)
- ◆ Shut the door and vents in unused rooms (save up to 3 percent on heating costs)
- ◆ Lower the water heater's temperature to 120 degrees (save up to 10 percent on water heating costs)
- ◆ On windows facing south and west, keep the curtains open on sunny days and close them at night (save 2 - 12 percent on heating costs).
- ◆ Make sure that all windows and doors are properly caulked and weather-stripped (save 1 – 4 percent on heating costs).
- ◆ When your home is unoccupied for more than a few hours, turn down the thermostat (save 10 – 20 percent on annual heating energy costs.)



—Source: Edison Electric Institute