



# Lake Crest News

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## From the President

It seems that we are about out of the pollen season and I for one am very glad. Spring is a beautiful time in our neighborhood—if we could just figure out a way to keep the pollen down.

As I am sure you have noticed by now, construction on the playground that was announced earlier this year has been delayed. You'll find more information inside the newsletter.

Pool season is upon us again, so get ready for the big opening party on May 4th. Your HOA has planned entertainment, food and fun for all. The access codes for the pool gate will be mailed to homeowners soon; please keep an eye out for your letter. Before the pool season starts, please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself and your family with the pool guidelines posted under the Rules tab on the Lake Crest website:

[www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com).

Margo Sitko

President

Lake Crest Homeowners Association

## Mark Your Calendar



**May 4**

**May 11**

**June 3**

**June 8**

Pool Kickoff Party Noon—3 p.m.

Kids' Ice Cream Social 2—4 p.m.

Lake Crest Clubhouse

HOA Meeting 7 p.m. Lake Crest

Clubhouse

Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale.

More information available soon.

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## Playground Update

As announced in the February 2013 newsletter, the neighborhood will be adding a new set of play equipment this summer. This will be a welcomed addition to the neighborhood's amenities; however, the plan to build the playground has encountered some snags, forcing continued renovation of the strategy.

More than one year ago, the neighborhood developed a plan to add play equipment and relocate the tennis courts to the property on the corner of Lake Crest Drive and Preserve Parkway. This entire plan would cost considerably more than the HOA budget can support; thus, the idea to temporarily locate the playground at that intersection was devised. However, in April, it became clear that the city of Hoover would require a number of additional changes to the landscape behind the sign at Lake Crest Dr. and Preserve Pkwy. Thus, construction of the playground at that site is not possible.

In order to continue to improve the amenities in the neighborhood, the board has chosen to restore our focus on the original plan for the upgrades. This plan will have to occur in phases as finances permit. The first phase (up for approval by the City of Hoover in May) will involve replacement of the tennis courts with a landscaped multi-age playground. The benefits of this location for the playground are considerable, both in terms of safety and usability. Furthermore, the existing tennis courts required substantial, costly repairs. Both of these issues will be addressed by the current plan. The exact date of completion for this phase of the project is not yet clear, but a mid-summer grand opening is anticipated.

## Architectural Review Committee Reminder

As the weather becomes warmer, many Lake Crest residents have begun sprucing up their yards and the exteriors of their homes. When planning outdoor projects, please keep in mind the Covenants and Rules and Regulations related to the exterior of homes and landscaping in our neighborhood.

All hoses should be of a neutral color and stored neatly out of sight from the street or in a hose reel or similar container of neutral color.

All mulch or ground cover must be brown in color on all landscaped natural areas and surfaces. Examples are pine straw, pine bark and pine mulch.

If your mailbox post needs refreshing, please refer to Rule 4 of the Rules and Regulations for the proper paint colors.

Yard art or artistic expression items are limited to a total of six per residence.

For more information, the Lake Crest Covenants and Rules and Regulations can be found on the Lake Crest HOA website at [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com).

### 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.

#### **Communication & Neighborhood Activities**

**Tricia Farris - Newsletter**  
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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](http://www.lakecresthoa.com).

## Lake Crest Pool Opens May 4th with Pool Party

The Lake Crest Pool will open on May 4th with the annual Pool Kickoff Party. Come and join your neighbors as we get an early start on the summer swimming season! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served from Noon—3 p.m. and there will be entertainment and fun for all.

At the beginning of the 2012 season, a gate requiring an access code was installed at the pool and homeowners were provided with the code which allowed them to enter the pool area. The purpose of the controlled access gate is to ensure that the pool and pavilion are available to Lake Crest homeowners and their families and guests only. We will continue using the coded gate this year. Homeowners who are current on their HOA dues and have no outstanding fines for covenant violations will receive a letter this month with the code for the 2013 season.

Please take just a few minutes to review the pool guidelines which can be found on the Lake Crest website, [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com). By following these guidelines, you can help ensure that the pool is a safe and enjoyable place for all Lake Crest residents. This year we are expanding the number of guests allowed per household to four; however, only two guests will be allowed at the opening Pool Party and on holidays including Memorial Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day.



### Ice Cream Social

An ice cream social for school-age children is planned for Saturday, May 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Club House. Watch for signs with more information.

### 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.

LCHOA  
Business 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](mailto: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.

## Be a Good Neighbor

When walking your dog in our community, please remember that it should be leashed. **Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet.** Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!



## Drive Safely on Lake Crest Streets

Speeding continues to be a problem within the Lake Crest neighborhood. Please observe the posted speed limits and encourage other drivers in your family and visitors to slow down.

Cars parked along the street can interfere with visibility. Whenever possible, please ask your guests to park in your driveway and ask yard maintenance and repairmen to park as close to the curb as possible, not blocking an intersection.

School will soon be out for the summer and our children will be playing in their yards and walking or riding bikes on the sidewalks. Please be on the lookout for them and use extra caution when driving.

By law, golf carts are not to be driven on public streets unless equipped with a license plate, head lights, tail lights and a rearview mirror. The driver must have a valid driver's license, or have a permit, and if 15, be accompanied by a licensed driver, 21 or over.