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# Lake Crest News

## From the President

You can certainly tell summer has arrived. Just get on I-65 south on a Friday afternoon in Birmingham heading for the beaches. If you aren't heading out, you may want to plan a day at the pool. Don't forget that we have the nice pavilion to give you a break from the sun and have your lunch or afternoon snack. Remember to be careful (and watch your speed) driving through the neighborhood. I have seen our children walking and riding bikes to the pool or just out enjoying the day. They don't always think about looking out for cars so we have to watch for them. Our property manager, Lauren Hood, has resigned to pursue a new career. Jody Northcutt, who held the position previously, is our property manager. The phone number and email address remain the same. We wish Lauren well and welcome Jody back. Be sure to read the entire newsletter, as there is always some great information in it. The next board meeting will be August 5 at 7 p.m. so, if you are like me, mark your calendars (and for those of you who are in the high tech age, enter it into your phone!).

Margo Sitko

President

Lake Crest Homeowners Association

## Mark Your Calendar

- August 5 Homeowners' Meeting  
Lake Crest Club House  
7 p.m.
- August 15 Back to School Party  
Lake Crest Club House  
6 — 8 p.m.



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## Playground Update

As reported in previous newsletters, planning continues for the new children's playground that will be located on the site currently occupied by the tennis courts behind the pool.

More than a year ago, the Board developed a plan to add play equipment in the area currently occupied by the tennis courts and to relocate the tennis courts to the property on the corner of Lake Crest Drive and Preserve Parkway. The cost of this project became more than the HOA budget can support, and the decision was made for the tennis courts to remain in their current location and the playground equipment to be located on the property behind the Preserve Parkway entrance sign. However, in late spring, it became clear that the city of Hoover would require a number of additional changes to the landscaping behind the sign at Lake Crest Dr. and Preserve Pkwy. Thus, construction of the playground at that site was not possible.

In order to continue to improve the amenities in the neighborhood, the Board has chosen to return to the original plan for the upgrades which will be implemented as finances permit. The first phase, which received approval from the City of Hoover in mid-June, will involve replacement of the tennis courts with a landscaped, multi-age playground at a cost of approximately \$70,000. 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 summer opening is anticipated.

## Architectural Review Committee Reminder

Homeowners are sometimes unsure of what types of work on their home require ARC approval. The detailed answer to these questions can be found in Section 5.05 of the Lake Crest Covenants (found on the Lake Crest website, [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com)) but in short, any change or improvement that affects the appearance of the exterior of a home or a lot should be submitted to the ARC for review. This includes such things as roof replacement and painting, even if the shingles or paint are the same as that which is currently on the home. Homeowners should also notify the ARC before undertaking any landscaping project or removing trees from their property. The purpose of this review by the ARC is to protect the appearance and therefore, the property values of the homes in our community. Please submit the forms in advance of your project so the ARC has time to review your request, which can usually be done in a week or less. Projects with a cost of \$1,000 or more, and certain other types of projects, require a permit from the City of Hoover. The city requires such projects have ARC approval before issuing a permit; however, final approval of the project is contingent upon the homeowner providing the permit number to the ARC.

Forms to request ARC approval can be found on the Lake Crest HOA website. Please submit these forms to Jody Northcutt at [lchoa@bellsouth.com](mailto:lchoa@bellsouth.com) and she will make sure that they are forwarded to the ARC.

### 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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[plfarris@bellsouth.net](mailto:plfarris@bellsouth.net)

**Elizabeth Woodfin - Activities**  
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#### **Lake**

**Jeff Thompson**  
965-1855  
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#### **ARC/Covenant** **Paul Carroll**

#### **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).

## Pool News

Our Lake Crest pool is a wonderful amenity that is meant to be enjoyed by all Lake Crest residents. The pool rules are posted at the pool and can be found on the Lake Crest website at <http://www.lakecresthoa.com/pdf/resources/PoolRules.pdf>. These pool regulations are designed to make sure that the pool is a fun and safe place for us all. Because the pool is a COMMUNITY amenity, it is up to us all to follow the pool rules and encourage others to do so. If you see someone who is not abiding by the rules, please take just a minute to remind them. This year we are expanding the number of guests allowed per household to four; however, only two guests will be allowed on holidays including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day .



## Lake News



Grab a pole and head down to our neighborhood lake for an afternoon of fishing. The lake has recently been stocked with crawfish to help increase the size of the smaller fish. Please remember that the lake is “catch and release” so that we can increase the size of the bass population.

## New Business Manager for Lake Crest

We welcome back Jody Northcutt as the Business Manager for Lake Crest and the LCHOA. Jody is a Lake Crest resident and has previously served as our Business Manager and as a member of the Board. We also thank Lauren Hood for all her hard work in this position. Lauren is leaving to pursue another business opportunity and we wish her much success.

## Delinquent Dues

There is currently \$38,277.75 in outstanding HOA dues. Dues for 2013 are now past due. If you have not yet paid your dues, please contact the business office.

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:

**Jody Northcutt**

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 **Jody** at 987-9392.

**PLEASE NOTE: 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!



## Newsletter Suggestions?



Back issues of the Lake Crest News are available on the website. We welcome suggestions for any topics or questions you would like to see covered in the newsletter.