



# Lake Crest News

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## From the President

Goodness, it seems like I just wrote one of these for the last newsletter. This will be the last one from me. Walt and I will be moving to Aurora, CO sometime the beginning of next year. We have owned several homes in our 44 years of marriage and this one has been our favorite by far. The only thing that is missing is more of the family, which is one of the reasons we are moving. We love this neighborhood and will miss it. I have enjoyed being part of the Lake Crest HOA board for several years and over the last 18 months, the presidency. I am leaving the neighborhood in good hands. Janie Bryant will assume the role of president until the homeowners' meeting in February. I hope she will enjoy the kindness that you have shown me. I want to thank the 2012/ 2013 board and the 2012/2013 ARC for all they have accomplished. The playground, while it took longer and went a little over budget, has been very well received. I have stopped several times and spoken to parents who had their children playing there. The neighborhood has certainly shined with all the efforts of ARC.

Margo Sitko

As you know, Margo and Walt will soon be moving to Colorado; they will be greatly missed. Margo, I would like to extend gratitude on behalf of the entire Lake Crest community for all you have done to make our neighborhood a better place to live. Until recently when I became a member of the Architectural Review Committee, I had no comprehension of all the effort and decision making that goes into the maintenance of our community. Thank you to all who volunteer their time to make this a top-notch neighborhood. My family and I have lived here three years and have been very pleased. I have accepted the role of President until the February meeting and, although I am new at this, I will do everything I possibly can to maintain the standards of our neighborhood. I look forward to getting to know each of you better. Happy autumn.

Janie Bryant

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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.

### **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).

## HOA Dues Increase Approved for 2014

At the October HOA meeting, the Board voted to increase homeowners' dues by \$25. Dues notices sent out in January 2014 will reflect this increase. The decision to increase dues was based on several factors. While almost all costs have risen, there has been no increase in homeowners' dues since the original dues were set by Awtrey Development in the 1990s. Recent improvements such as the new decking around the pool, the sign and flagpole at the Preserve Parkway entrance to the neighborhood and the construction of the new playground have required a significant capital outlay. In addition, the board has also looked at estimated costs for maintenance of the clubhouse and pool which were built just after development of Lake Crest began. In the next five to seven years the clubhouse will require a new roof and HVAC system, as well as other upgrades. In order to ensure that money is available for these projects and rebuild the reserve maintained by the HOA, it was decided that a dues increase is necessary, beginning in 2014. The October meeting was well-attended by a number of homeowners who participated in discussion about the proposed increase.

## Children's Halloween Party

Join us on **Sunday, October 27th from 4-6 p.m.** at the Lake Crest clubhouse for some "spook-tacular" Halloween fun including pumpkin painting, a costume contest, games, inflatables, food, and much more!



## City of Hoover Leaf Pick-up schedule

The City of Hoover will collect unbagged leaves in Lake Crest on the following dates:

- 1st collection — Nov. 11 – 15
- 2nd collection — Dec. 23 – 27
- 3rd collection — Feb. 3 - 7
- 4th collection — March 17- 21

Rake all leaves to the curb one day prior to your collection date. Make sure the leaf pile is free from branches, rocks or items that would cause an obstruction in the vacuum hose. Do not mix household items, limbs or debris with the leaf pile. Do not place near storm drains, fire hydrants, mailboxes, utility wires and boxes or close to vehicles. Do not block sidewalks. Place leaves within five feet of curb; the hose cannot reach leaves that are further away. If you have more than 20 bags of leaves, please submit a request to have them collected via the Let Us Help link on the city website, [www.hooveralabama.gov](http://www.hooveralabama.gov), or call 444-7543 or 923-1650.

## Board Vacancies for 2014

Your homeowner's association is an organization of neighbors working together to make Lake Crest a safe and pleasant place to live and raise our families. The work of the association relies on a number of volunteers who serve on the HOA board and various committees.

At the annual Lake Crest HOA meeting to be held in February 2014, homeowners will vote to fill two expiring board positions. Board members serve a three-year term and attend every-other-month homeowners' meetings as well as called board meetings. Beginning November 1st, applications will be accepted for these two positions. Candidates will be asked to fill out a short information form indicating their interest in serving on the board. That information will be shared on the Lake Crest website and with the voting proxy that is mailed in January so all homeowners can familiarize themselves with the candidates before voting. If you are interested in being considered for a board position or have questions about serving on the board, please contact Lake Crest business manager Jody Northcutt at the e-mail address or telephone number at the right. The deadline for applications will be December 10, 2013 and all forms should be returned no later than December 16th.

## Playground Courtesy

The new playground, located behind the Lake Crest club house, is open and being enjoyed by Lake Crest residents. When you and your children visit the playground, please make sure they do not eat any food or snacks while on the playground equipment.. Several residents have reported ants on the equipment as a result of food crumbs, etc. The pavilion adjacent to the playground is now unlocked and provides benches and tables for eating. Please be sure to place all trash in the trashcans. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Delinquent Dues

Homeowners' Association dues for 2013 are now past due. If you have not yet paid your dues, please contact the business office. As of October 15th, there was \$31,184.74 in outstanding HOA dues.

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



One of the most frequent complaints to the Lake Crest HOA involves homeowners who fail to pick-up after their pets when walking them. **Please remember to immediately clean up after your pet.** Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly. Also, when walking your dog in our community, please remember that it should be leashed. Thank you for your cooperation!.

## Watch For Walkers and Joggers

Now that the days are growing shorter, many Lake Crest residents are walking or running in the early morning or evening hours when visibility may be limited. Please be on the lookout for these neighbors as you are driving. Take particular care in the area of Lake Crest Drive from Flag Circle to Preserve Parkway and do not exceed the posted 25 mph speed limit coming down the hill.

If you are jogging or walking during these hours, watch out for oncoming traffic and be aware that drivers may not be able to see you. Avoid wearing dark colors such as black or blue and consider wearing some type of reflective gear such as a shirt, jacket, shoes or hat that allows others to see you more clearly. If you are walking your dog, you might also want to put some type of reflective collar or leash for your pet. Using an iPod or other device with headphones can make it difficult to hear oncoming traffic, sirens or horns.

## 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.

## Mark Your Calendar

- Oct. 27      Lake Crest Children's Halloween Party, 4-6 p.m., Lake Crest Clubhouse
- Nov. 1      Applications accepted for openings on the Lake Crest HOA board. Deadline for applications is Dec. 10 and information forms must be received by Dec. 16.
- Nov. 3      Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to "fall back" one hour.
- Dec. 2      HOA meeting 7 p.m. Lake Crest Clubhouse