



# Lake Crest News

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## From the President

Summer is finally here. I hope all who attended the always successful neighborhood pool kickoff party enjoyed themselves and had a chance to meet and talk to our neighbors. The ice cream social and garage sales were also a success. We should all be thankful to our board and committee members for the countless hours they spend making your neighborhood one of the best in Hoover. If you are interested in serving on a committee please send us your name; as was mentioned at our last homeowners meeting, we have some openings available.

Over the past few months there have been quite a few improvements to our common properties and that will continue into the next year. Our pool recently received a score of 100 from the Jefferson County Health Department. Kudos to the pool committee, property manager and the monitors for doing such a good job! I know from experience keeping our pool up takes a lot of time and effort. Some big fish are being caught out of the lake, if you like to fish and never have fished our lake you are missing a chance for a good "Big Fish" story. Please obey the posted rules regarding these areas and be considerate of the homeowners on the lake.

There have been a lot of comments about speeding in the neighborhood. The Hoover police have been ticketing speeders and posted the "Your Speed" sign up recently to serve as a reminder to obey the posted speed limits in Lake Crest.

As you all know we have "No solicitation" signs at all entrances into the neighborhood. I know of at least two times in June that the HPD was called out and they questioned and escorted the unlicensed solicitors out of Lake Crest. Should you see solicitors or anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, you should call Hoover Police Department's non-emergency number, 822-5300, and they will respond quickly.

At least once a week I drive or walk through our neighborhood and I have noticed a vast improvement in yards, and other items related to our covenants, rules and regulations. Thank you for your pride of ownership. Keeping our homes and properties fresh looking adds value for everyone in Lake Crest. I know no one likes receiving an HOA violation letter, but

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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**  
plfarris@bellsouth.net

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

**Jeff Thompson**  
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### **ARC/Covenant**

### **Pool**

## President's Message continued

over the years I have received a few of them, too, and have fixed the items that needed fixing. Our board members are working very hard to improve the communications to you in regard to covenant /rules and regulations violation letters from the HOA/McKay not being very descriptive (see page 3.) If you are not sure about anything regarding Lake Crest, you can contact our property manager Jody Northcutt at the office.

I hope everyone who was interested had a chance to meet the two mayoral candidates at the home owner meetings over the last few months. Both Frank Brocato and Gary Ivey have some good ideas about Hoover, its schools and neighborhoods. So do not forget to vote August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer with family and friends.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Conklin  
President, Lake Crest HOA

## From the Lake Crest Pool Committee

We hope everyone is having a good summer and has been enjoying the Lake Crest pool. We are happy to announce we received a perfect score of 100 on the pool inspection from Jefferson County.

If you have not received your key fob for our new entry system, please reach out to Jody Northcutt to set up a time to pick yours up. This improvement in security at the pool has been well received and has really cut down on the number of non-homeowners having access to our pool.

A friendly reminder: please no food on the pool deck as the leftovers attract ants. You are welcome to have food in the pavilion area, just not on the pool deck.

## Keep Our Streets Safe

Traffic concerns continue to be a topic of discussion, both at recent HOA meetings and on the community Facebook page, particularly speeding, failure to stop at stop signs and on-street parking. During the summer months when children are out of school and riding bicycles and playing outdoors, please be particularly careful to obey all signs and posted speed limits on the streets in our neighborhood. On-street parking can reduce visibility and make it difficult to avoid on-coming traffic. If you have young drivers in your family, please stress the importance of obeying these rules. If you see a situation that you believe to be unsafe, please call the Hoover Police Department's non-emergency number, 822-5300.



*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).

## Update on Non-compliance letters

For those of you who missed the last HOA meeting, the Board would like to repeat and elaborate on what was said when we were asked about the McKay letters many received.

Some homeowners have said they feel as if they should not have received letters and/or can't get any answers from McKay. The HOA is aware and understands that there is an issue with some of McKay's findings, which is why we have been checking any violations that may be in error, especially those presented to us by the homeowner. McKay has been specifically instructed how to look at certain violations and they have been instructed not to be overly "nit-picky" in assessing violations. We understand that they may have cited violations that simply are not there. It is work in progress and in the last few months, the number of errors has decreased tremendously. We understand McKay can be difficult to reach immediately and when you do get through, you are frustrated that they can't give you a more thorough description of what they are referring to. If this happens, please feel free to email any of the HOA board members or Lake Crest property manager Jody Northcutt. All contact information is in the newsletter or on the website. We will go and take a look at your property for a possible violation in error. You will not be immediately fined if you let us know of an issue or if you need an extension on your correction. It is not the intention of the HOA to have financial gain from fines; our goal is to achieve compliance in those homes in need of corrections. Overall the board does feel that our neighborhood looks good. Homes that have needed correction for a while have been corrected or are in progress. We want everyone to be proud of where they reside and create a positive environment.

Some homeowners have asked why we need a compliance company and why we choose McKay. There are over 600 homes in our neighborhood to review and manage letters. It's a big undertaking for anyone, especially someone who already has a job. It has been tried in the past by volunteer homeowners and was very time-consuming and many of those volunteers were harassed by unhappy homeowners. Before we used McKay, we used a company that the Board was not happy with. McKay is well known and used by many surrounding neighborhoods, but more importantly, it is half the cost of the previous company. We pay them \$600 per month. That doesn't negate the fact that there are still issues with them and we are not set in stone with using them. We are hoping to get many issues corrected and they have a clear vision of what we expect from them. Progress is being made so we ask homeowners to please be patient, positive and present any issues to us one on one. Thank you!

## July 4th Fireworks Etiquette

According to the Hoover Police Department, it is illegal to possess or set off fireworks in the City of Hoover without a permit. If you do plan to make fireworks part of your Fourth of July celebration, please pay attention to safety and be considerate of your neighbors who may have sleeping babies or young children. Many pets are also frightened by the noise associated with fireworks. Keep your pets indoors while fireworks are being used and make sure they are wearing a collar with identifying information in case they accidentally get out.

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:**  
205-296-4876 (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.**

## Nature Trail

When walking on the trail around the lake or fishing from the bank, please be sure to properly dispose of any food wrappers, drink bottles or fishing line you bring with you so that others may also enjoy our beautiful common areas.

Bikes are not allowed on the trails as they may damage the new gravel surface. The HOA is in the process of posting signs, but if you see bikers using the trail, please remind them.

The HOA is looking for volunteers, such as Boy Scouts, etc., to patrol the lake and pick up trash on a regular basis. The HOA will make a contribution to any group that would like to volunteer.

## Mark Your Calendar

- July 4th Freedom Fest. The City of Hoover celebrates the Fourth with an evening of free activities at the Hoover Met including a Kid Zone with inflatables, a car show, musical entertainment and a fireworks display. Gates open at 5 p.m.
- Aug. 16 Hoover City Council and Mayoral Candidate Forum, sponsored by the Hoover Sun, Hoover City Schools Foundation and Hoover Rotary Club. 6 - 9 p.m. at The Wynfrey Hotel, Riverchase Galleria.
- Aug. 23 Hoover Municipal Election

## June HOA Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June HOA meeting are available on the Lake Crest website at:  
<http://www.lakecresthoa.com/boardminutes.asp>.

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