

Lake Crest News

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A Note From the President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that everyone is having a great fall. I know things are busy with school and all the normal fall activities, but I hope that you will take the time to read through this newsletter and learn about some of the activities coming up and things going on in the neighborhood.

There are several activities for you and your family to take part in. On October 27, all neighborhood children are invited to participate in the Lake Crest Halloween Party. There will be lots of games, food, karaoke, outdoor movies, and pumpkin painting to enjoy. Then, on November 10, we will host the annual Chili Cook-Off. You are encouraged to prepare your best chili recipe and see how it stacks up against your neighbors. This is always a lot of fun, but the cooking gets pretty competitive. This is a great chance to get to know some of our new neighbors, so please consider coming out and taking part.

I also hope that you all got a chance to see the new pavilion before it and the pool closed for the season. It is a very nice addition to the pool and clubhouse area and will be great for getting out of the summer sun for a snack or family picnic. Currently, the board has decided to leave the pavilion on the same schedule as the

pool. It will be open and available for use from early May until mid-September.

Finally, over the last couple of weeks you may have heard some significant blasting sounds and felt the vibrations coming from the Grove area. They have started to clear the area for both the Sulphur Springs Bypass and the new development. Many of you may have received notice or had surveyors that have been to your home for pre-blasting surveys. As this process continues, please keep notes on anything that is out of the ordinary and make sure that you notify either Steve Braswell or myself via email to keep us updated. It is important that we keep good records in the event that something does not go as intended and we will depend on everyone to help us with this.

Don't forget, if you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss, don't hesitate to contact one of the board members or me. We are here to serve you and help in any way that we can.

Sincerely, **Jennifer Breland** President



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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

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Neighborhood Spotlight

Steve Braswell

When Steve Braswell and his wife Cathi moved to their home on Lake Crest Circle

in 2003, he never imagined in retirement that he would become the LCHOA Property Manager. He accepted the position in 2004 and we, the homeowners, have certainly benefited.

Steve graduated from Rider College in New Jersey in 1972. He had an extensive professional career as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Steve worked for Fortune 500 companies and was the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for several different companies. Some of his career highlights include the opportunity in 1997 to take a Birmingham consumer goods company public and in 2002 selling a biotech company for its owners. For a few years after that. Steve worked for a software development company in Tuscaloosa. In 2004, he decided to retire thinking he would take a few years off, but when approached to become the LCHOA Property Manager in August of 2004, he accepted.

Being the LCHOA Property Manager appealed to Steve because it was a flexible, part-time position to which he

could apply his experiences, skills and knowledge as a CPA and CFO to do something he had not done before. He continues to find it challenging because every day is different; from trying to get beavers out of the lake, to decorating our entrances for the holidays, to going to court to represent the LCHOA.

Among Steve's responsibilities is assuring that LCHOA dues are collected. When he took over the position, homeowners owed \$40,000 in back homeowner dues. With Steve's diligence the current outstanding amount is \$3,000.

Steve has established a good core of venders who provide services to maintain the lake, the fountain, our common areas, irrigations systems, and entrance lighting.

Steve gets satisfaction from seeing homeowners enjoy the community enhancements that have improved our property values. He looks forward to receiving suggestions on what homeowners want to do next. He would like to see more homeowners attend Board meetings and be involved in community activities.

In his free time, Steve does financial consulting for different companies,

he reads financially related books and articles, works in his yard and garden, and follows the stock market. His current bedside book is Alan Greenspan's *Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World.* His favorite restaurant is Gian Marco's on Broadway St. in Homewood.

Steve and Cathi are looking forward to their son Todd's destination wedding in Jamaica in February 2008.

Todd lives in Memphis and holds a management position with Walgreen's.

Before moving to Lake Crest, Steve and Cathi lived in Vestavia for 13 years and Huntsville for two years. We are indeed fortunate they chose Lake Crest for their home.

The Neighborhood Spotlight will appear in every issue and serve as a way to get to know the many people that reside in LC. If you are interested in submitting the name of a neighbor who would like to be featured in a future Neighborhood Spotlight, please email Michelle Berg at mlberg@bellsouth.net.

Frequently Called Numbers

Will my garbage be picked up today? The streetlight in front of my house is burned out. Who do I call to report my vandalized mailbox? Below is a list of some

numbers you may need. Feel free to clip it out and post it near your phone.

444-7760
1 st & 3 rd Monday of every month at 6 p.m. @ Hoover City Hall
987-9392
444-7655
1-800-344-3145 or 444-7796
987-9392
444-7867
444-7510
444-7700
444-7810
1-888-430-5787

Check out our website: www.lakecresthoa.com



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Neighborhood Events

We hope that you will be able to join us for the many neighborhood activities coming up. For additional information, watch for banners posted at each neighborhood entrance, check the website at www.lakecresthoa.com or contact **Elizabeth**Woodfin, for the adult activities, or **Nicki Conlon**, for the Children's activities.

Mexican-Themed Bingo Party Wrap-Up

About 50 people, including some who were new to the LC events, joined the fun on Sep. 14 for five rounds of Bingo. There was a Mexican Bar with chicken and beef fajitas, tacos, and all the fixings to accompany them, plus cheese dip and chips, rice and beans, and cookies. Homemade margaritas were served along with Mexican beers.

LC Children's Halloween Party on Oct. 27

From 4:30-8:30 p.m., don your costume and join your neighbors at the LC Clubhouse for some seasonal fun. There will be games, food, karaoke, an outdoor movie, and pumpkin painting. Bring your lawn chairs and come be part of the fun.

If you would like to help with set-up, contribute a snack, or just to lend a pair of hands, contact **Nicki Conlon** at conlonhome@bellsouth.net. The rainout date for the event is Sun., Oct. 28, 3-7 p.m.

Game Day/Annual Chili Cook-Off on Nov. 10

The afternoon will be spent doing a chili tasting and watching football at the clubhouse, from 2-5 p.m. To enter the cook-off, bring a pot of chili in a working crockpot.



Christmas Party & Dirty Santa Game on Dec. 11

The annual LC Christmas Party will be held at the clubhouse beginning at 7 p.m. Those who want to participate in the game of Dirty Santa can bring a wrapped holiday gift under \$20, for the exchange. This evening of fun, for adults only, will include appetizers, desserts, and beverages.

Bunko in 2008

A neighborhood Bunko group will start up in the New Year. Beginning Thurs. Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m., women from Lake Crest are invited to the clubhouse to join the fun. Whether you are a pro at the dice game or want to learn, all are welcome. Bring \$5 and \$1 and your own beverage. Light snacks will be served. Contacts for the event are **Cathi Braswell** at shuter3601@aol.com or **Donna Scibetta** at shuter3601@aol.com or **Shuter3601**

Delinquent Dues Notice

Following is the list of delinquent Homeowners as of Sep. 30, 2007 and the amount they owe to date, including dues, late fees, legal fees, and court costs:

Name: Bishop, Patrick & Stephanie

Address: 5011 Lake Crest Circle

Owes: \$1,423.00

Name: Coar, Duane Address: 5187 Lake Crest Circle

Owes: \$773.00

Name: Eillis, Michael & Nona Address: 1172 Hibiscus Drive

Owes: \$293.00

Name: McLaughlin, David * Address: 4785 Red Leaf Circle

Owes: \$773.00

Name: Thomas, Roselita Address: 4949 Crystal Circle

Owes: \$773.00

* On Sep. 6, 2007, the court ordered David McLaughlin to pay \$1,423.20. The court order is public record.



Steve Braswell

Please submit neighborhood questions or concerns to **Steve** 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:

Ichoa@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 \$35 plus a \$150 damage cleaning deposit. If the clubhouse is left as clean as at the start, the deposit check is torn up. The \$35 is non-refundable if the homeowner cancels. If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please call **Steve** at 987-9392.

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



581 Lake Crest Drive Hoover, Alabama 35226

Phone: 205-987-9392



Communications Committee

Please update your listing in the Neighborhood Directory. Just access the directory section in the LCHOA website and follow the directions. Or if you are not listed, but would like to be included, please send your information to **Jennifer Breland** at

ibreland@uab.edu. Include any or all of the following: your name, spouse's name, children's names and ages, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address. You can also include photos, interests, and information on favorite sports teams, pets, etc.

Alabama Government Issues

If you need assistance with state issues or want to speak with the state representative for the Lake Crest community, contact

Representative Paul DeMarco

at

(205) 314-7909 or via e-mail at paul@pljpc.com.

Check out our website: lakecresthoa.com