



# Lake Crest News

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## From the President

With Christmas quickly approaching, I hope this finds you all doing well and getting into the spirit of the Christmas season! This year has gone by more quickly than any other year of my life, which seems to be the case every year! For 20 years, I have heard "my elders" say, "time goes by faster the older you get," and I am really starting to believe it. With two small children, we plan to stay home to celebrate Christmas. Margo and Walt Sitko will soon be departing the neighborhood to enjoy their new home in Aurora, Colorado. If you have not taken the time to do so already, it would be nice for you to show your appreciation to Margo (and Walt) for all she has done for our neighborhood as HOA President; she went above and beyond the call of duty and deeply cares for our neighborhood. Her email address is [meswjs@charter.net](mailto:meswjs@charter.net). Please take the time to really enjoy Christmas with your families and take a moment to call or visit someone who will be alone on Christmas. Christmas blessings to each of you and best wishes for the best year yet, 2014!

Warm Regards,  
Janie Bryant  
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205-948-8844

### Mark Your Calendar

**Lake Crest HOA Annual Business Meeting****February 3, 2014****7 p.m.****Lake Crest Presbyterian Church auditorium**

As part of the business meeting we will elect three HOA board members. A proxy form and biographical information about the board candidates will be enclosed with your 2014 Dues letter. If you are unable to attend the meeting to vote in person, please return your proxy form no later than Friday, January 31, 2014.

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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**  
979-5872  
plfarris@bellsouth.net

**Elizabeth Woodfin - Activities**  
988-8850  
ewoodfin@bellsouth.net

### **Lake**

**Jeff Thompson**  
965-1855  
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**ARC/Covenant**  
**Charlie Conklin**  
**Tricia Farris**

### **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)

## Hoover Police Caution About On-street Parking

The HOA recently received this e-mail from Officer Mike Tomblin with the Hoover Police Department:

"I responded to a parking complaint [on] Flag Circle....Flag Circle has numerous cars parked in the roadway that cause problems for residents pulling in and out of their driveways. Flag Circle is 22 feet wide and the minimum width for vehicles to be allowed to park on Hoover city streets is 24 feet. Therefore any vehicle parking in the roadway on Flag Circle is in violation of the Hoover City Ordinance. Could you please pass this information along to your community so this issue can be resolved without any further complaints? Thanks."

Two of the most often communicated complaints to the HOA concern parking and speeding on our streets. These are serious safety issues, but the Lake Crest HOA has no jurisdiction to enforce traffic ordinances within our neighborhood. It is up to all of us to obey these ordinances and be good neighbors. Please be aware that the parking regulation mentioned in Officer Tomblin's note affects many of the streets in our neighborhood. If you see a situation that is unsafe or would hinder the ability of a fire truck or emergency vehicle to travel down the street, please contact the Hoover Police Department. Please ask visitors to your home or tradespeople working at your home to park in your driveway whenever possible. Be sure to obey the posted speed limits in Lake Crest and ask family members and neighbors to do so as well.

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree In Lake Crest

This year we will be collecting your live Christmas trees to place in the lake to create an additional habitat for the fish. When you have finished enjoying your tree, please remove all decorations and tinsel and bring it to the marked area of the Lake Crest club house parking lot. Trees will be collected from December 26 through January 2 only.



## Free Yoga at Clubhouse

Free yoga is being offered at the Lake Crest club house every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Beginners are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water. Contact Karen Huffman at [klhuffma.kh@gmail.com](mailto:klhuffma.kh@gmail.com) or 914-1851 with any questions.

## 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.

## 2014 Dues and Contact Information Update

Homeowners' Association dues notices for 2014 will be mailed in early January. Dues will reflect the \$25 increase that was approved by the board in October after input from homeowners. This is the first dues increase since Awtrey Development set the original homeowners' dues in the mid-1990s. In the past two years, your dues have financed improvements to our neighborhood such as expanded pool decking, the playground, and a new entrance at Preserve Parkway. In order to rebuild HOA reserves and plan for upcoming maintenance for the club house, it was determined that a dues increase was necessary.

Along with your dues notice you will also receive a request to update your contact information. Much of our homeowner communication, including this newsletter, is sent by e-mail and it is important that we have a valid e-mail address on file for each home, along with other information. Please be assured that this information will be used for HOA purposes only and will not be shared with any outside source.

We have quite a few homes in Lake Crest that are rental property. If you own a rental home, we ask that you fill out the section of the contact update form related to your property, so that we can make sure all information is sent directly to you as the homeowner.

Dues for 2013 are past due and have accrued a late fee. As of December 1, 2013, there was \$28,377 in outstanding dues for 2013 and previous years. 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.

## ARC Update

When you remove your decorations following the holidays, please take a few minutes to make sure your mailbox and the area surrounding your front door are in compliance with our neighborhood Covenants and Rules and Regulations. Mailboxes should have an address plaque appropriate to your section of Lake Crest and your mailbox post should be painted either Hunter green or black, depending upon your street. Details and pictures regarding mailboxes can be found in the Rules and Regulations section on our community website at <http://www.lakecresthoa.com/pdf/resources/RulesAndRegulations.pdf>.

Please be aware that the Lake Crest Rules and Regulations were amended to allow wreaths on front doors; however these wreaths must be appropriate to the season (Rule 7) and are subject to ARC review. Craft items should not be displayed on front doors. Doors and any kick plates should be kept in good repair. Please remove any planters from your porch that do not contain live, healthy plants. For winter plantings you may want to consider cold-tolerant plants such as evergreen shrubs, pansies, and herbs such as rosemary or parsley. Please refresh any mulch in your front flower beds. By working together we can keep our neighborhood beautiful throughout the year.

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!.

## No Solicitation

You may have noticed that “no solicitation” signs are posted near each Lake Crest entrance. This was done several years ago to let companies and individuals know that door-to-door sales of products and services is not allowed in our neighborhood. The “no solicitation” rule also covers flyers and advertisements that are placed in or taped to mailboxes (often damaging the paint and leaving a sticky residue.) Please be cautious of opening your door to a stranger; however if you are contacted by a salesperson, please inform them that our neighborhood has this rule which can be enforced by the Hoover Police Department. Several neighbors recently reported door-to-door sales to the police and officers came out and asked the individual to leave the neighborhood. Should you wish to call the Hoover Police regarding solicitors you observe, the non-emergency number is 444-7640. If you receive a flyer on your mailbox, please call the company that is doing the advertising or report it to the Lake Crest Property Manager.

