



# Lake Crest News

## A Note From the President

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Fellow neighbors,

Spring is here again and every one is busy working in the yard again. Just as a friendly reminder, please keep your trash cans off of your driveways. They must be out of sight either in your garage or in the back of your home. Your Board has met recently and are discussing ways to enforce our covenants. Please be advised that if you do not have a copy of our covenants, contact Steve Braswell, the Lake Crest Property Manager, and he will provide a copy.

Also, please watch your speed! The speed limit throughout the neighborhood is 25 MPH. The Hoover Police have been writing tickets for those speeding on our streets.

After our May Board meeting, we will begin holding our meeting every other month rather than monthly. We will also be moving our meeting to the last Monday of the month. All neighborhood residents are invited to attend.

The pool will be resurfaced in the next few weeks. Based on when the resurfacing is completed, this will dictate when we will be able to open the pool. Hopefully no later than the middle of May.

We always welcome your input on how we can make our neighborhood a better place to live.

-Rick Franks  
President

### Save the Date!

**Neighborhood Pool Kick-Off Party**  
**Saturday, May 14, 2005**  
**3:00 pm**

**Come, bring the family, and get to know your neighbors as the  
Lake Crest neighborhood pool opens for the summer.**

(See inside for more details.)

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## Covenant Corner

*The Architectural Guidelines and Covenants* are a tool for keeping our homes a good investment and assuring that our community is one where people want to buy houses. The *Covenants* apply to all Lake Crest and Arbors owners and renters. Each issue of the *Lake Crest News* highlights one or more of the *Covenants* to help owners and renters do their best to follow them. Because it is the planting, gardening, and growing season, this column highlights a few related provisions of **Article 6.09 Landscaping.**

6.09 (d) No hedge or shrubbery planting which obstructs sight-lines of streets and roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any Lot or Dwelling where such hedge or shrubbery interferes with traffic sight-lines for roadways within the development.\*

6.09 (f) No vegetable, herb or similar gardens or plants shall be planted or maintained in the front or side yards of any Lot or Dwelling or in the rear (back) yard of any Lot or Dwelling if the same would be visible from the street.

6.09 (h) No Owner shall allow the grass on his Lot or Dwelling to grow to a height in excess of six (6) inches, measured from the surface of the ground.

*\*Are any of your plantings obstructing sight lines of streets? If so, please trim them back.*

The full version of the *Covenants* is available on [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com).

### LCHOA Committees

The following are the Lake Crest Homeowners' Association committees and their contacts. If you have suggestions or concerns or would like to serve on a committee, please contact the appropriate chairperson.

### Neighborhood Activities & Communications

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## Communications & Neighborhood Activities

### Newsletter

In addition to being available on the neighborhood website, [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com), a hardcopy will once again be mailed to each homeowner on a quarterly basis. Please refer to the newsletter, as well as the website, for information about neighborhood news and upcoming events, contact names and numbers, and decisions made at monthly board meetings.

### Website

The Lake Crest website, [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com), in addition to being a great place to find neighborhood news now is now the place to meet neighbors who can help you. The website will begin hosting a Personals' section allowing neighbors to post ways neighbors can help neighbors. For example, are you looking to do babysitting or dog walking in the neighborhood? Post your ad. Are you looking for people interested in playing golf, walking in the mornings or playing poker on the weekends? Post your ad.

All "text-only ads" are to be submitted either via e-mail to [jbreland@uab.edu](mailto:jbreland@uab.edu) or in writing

at the clubhouse and clearly labeled *Website Ad*. A contact name and phone number must be included for verification purposes and a way for interested parties to contact you (e-mail, phone call) should be part of your ad. All ads will be reviewed before being posted on the site.

### Activities

A revised schedule for 2005 neighborhood activities has been developed. Details of upcoming activities will continue to be posted on the website. Mark your calendar for the upcoming neighborhood fun:

**Neighborhood Pool Kick-Off Party  
Saturday, May 14, 2005  
3:00 p.m.**

**The grill will be full of hot dogs and hamburgers. Soft drinks and cold beer will also be served. All neighborhood adults and children are invited to celebrate the beginning of summer.**

Other events to watch for include a Beer Swap towards the end of the summer and a Christmas Party, with a game of Dirty Santa,

## Neighborhood Notes

### Special Thanks

Thank you to Harry Hill of Sound Construction and Management, Inc. for spreading gravel on the pathway to the bridge. We appreciate you and your bobcat! To contact Harry for outdoor and landscape management consultations, call (205)965-3610 or visit the website at [www.huntn.biz/8727](http://www.huntn.biz/8727).

### Oakmere Carriage Home Update

Per Realtor Pat Starr, the carriage home homeowners will have an additional fee for lawn maintenance in addition to the \$480 annual neighborhood fee. Residents will also come under the LCHOA authority.

## Pool Update

The Board has approved resurfacing of the pool prior to it opening for the 2005 season. The opening date will be determined based on when the resurfacing is complete (approx. mid-May). **Watch the website for the official opening date.**

The Pool Committee has put together a list of possible ideas the Board to consider as future improvement in the pool area. Some of these suggestions include the purchase of new furniture for outside the clubhouse, hiring an excavator to fix the trail by the dam, and adding a pavilion at the pool/tennis area.

## Finance Update



At the start of 2005, Pauline Howard, the Board Treasurer, discussed and reviewed the Lake Crest budget and past expenses, showing the neighborhood's reserve funds and future spend rate.

To see a copy of the 2005 approved budget and 2004 financial statements, visit the website at [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com).

### Election of Directors

At the neighborhood annual meeting, three proposals were made to change the bylaws. They were as follows:

1. Proposal to elect directors
2. Proposal to classify the Board of directors
3. Proposal to conform the bylaws to the actual number of directors

A vote was taken and the Homeowners unanimously passed all three proposals. To see the minutes from the annual meeting visit the website.

### Lost and Found

A small bicycle was found by the Oakmere



## Lake Update

The beavers are back in the lake. The lake committee will investigate a more permanent solution to keep the lake area beaver-free.

On March 4, 2005, a new bridge was installed towards the Arbors' end of the lake for residents to have easier access to the lake area.

As a suggestion for consideration, the lake committee has suggested installing lights on both bridges with a timer to allow for longer use of the common areas around the lake. There will be more discussion on this at future board meetings.

## Neighborhood Park

There have been numerous suggestions about creating a park within our community and some basic research has been done by a couple of neighbors. Equipment, cost, ways to secure the funding, working with the ARC, and preparing a site have all been part of the discussion. More information will follow as this idea becomes more concrete.

**Lake Crest Homeowners Association Property Manager:**

**Steve Braswell**

**Please submit neighborhood questions or concerns in writing to Steve by one of the following methods:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Lake Crest Clubhouse  
581 Lake Crest Drive  
Hoover, AL 35226**

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**\*Written submissions can be dropped in the locked mailbox located next to the pool gate or mailed through standard mail.**

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## Road Safety—Protect Our Kids and Our Neighborhood

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At the recent neighborhood annual meeting, Officer Smitty Avery from the Hoover Police Department, discussed what constitutes a valid vehicle that can be used on public roads. Some streets in our neighborhood have their final “cap” and can be monitored by the police department. However, any street that remains “uncapped”, due to continued construction, are still private property and can only be regulated by residents using their own good judgment.

In the last issue of the newsletter, Board President Rick Franks addressed the issue of the operation of motor vehicles on public streets. The issue was also addressed in the newsletter’s Covenant Corner. As a reminder, Section 6.32, found in the Neighborhood Covenant Guidelines states:

“All vehicular traffic on the private streets and roads in the Development shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama and any other city or county having jurisdiction thereof concerning operation of motor vehicles on public streets. The Board of the Association is hereby authorized to promulgate, administer, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including adopting reasonable safety measures and speed

limits for any private roads within any portion of the Development. The Board of the Association shall be entitled to enforce such rules and resolutions by establishing such enforcement procedures as it deems appropriate, including levying fines for the violations thereof.”

The Hoover police have been stopping neighborhood speeders. Remember, **the speed limit in the neighborhood is 25 m.p.h.** Especially as the weather gets warmer, walkers, cyclists, runners and children are out. Please keep the neighborhood safe for all by observing the speed limit.

Parking on the street is illegal and all residents are asked to heed this warning. This issue was discussed in the newsletter last year and an article from [The Birmingham News](#), featuring this issue was included with each newsletter. To recap, a city ordinance, passed in 1996, states that it is illegal to park on any “paved road in the city having a width of 24 feet or less.” All Lake Crest roads fall into this category. In the event of an accident, the person whose vehicle is parked in the street will be