



# Lake Crest News

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## From the President

Hello friends,

School has started; football season is almost here and summer is on its way out. Fall, my favorite time of year, is on our doorstep. I hope each of you had a wonderful summer with relaxing vacations, fun times with family and friends, and time by the pool. My family had a low key summer: my husband and I worked a lot and my kids played a lot.

Many changes are going on around our neighborhood... A new store, "At Home" is coming in at the Grove; a new subdivision is being built across from ours on Preserve Parkway, and there is discussion by the school board of rezoning our schools as we (and our children) know them.

Lake Crest had a "Back to School" party at the pool on August 5. I would like to give big "thank you" to Wendy Hopping and Bridget Hoven for continuing to do a great job hosting our social events. The next event will be our Halloween party, which is always a big success, with costume contests, pumpkin painting, a big jumpy house, and lots of games. Be sure not to miss out on these fun events; they are a great way to meet your neighbors.

Remember, there are many people around our neighborhood who are sick and some who are elderly and have very few visitors.... Be a good neighbor and reach out to someone who would love to see a friendly face, even if it is just to say "hi."

Best Regards,

Janie (Neal) Bryant

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## HOA Board Vacancy

The Lake Crest HOA is accepting applications for a vacant position on the Lake Crest Board. If you are interested in serving as a Board Member, please contact HOA President Janie Bryant or email the HOA at [lchoa@bellsouth.net](mailto:lchoa@bellsouth.net).

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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  
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### **Lake**

**Jeff Thompson**  
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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).

## Guard Against Auto Break-ins

Over the summer, there have been several reports of car break-ins in the neighborhood. Please remember to:

- Lock your vehicle and make sure the sunroof and all windows are closed. Twenty-five percent of vehicle thefts are from unlocked cars.
- Make sure your car's alarm system is activated.
- NEVER leave valuables in plain sight. Bring all valuables into the house or place them in a locked trunk. If you have an SUV or vehicle that leaves your cargo area open, get a retractable fitted cover to keep shopping bags and other belongings hidden. After you've put your belongings in the trunk, don't forget such telltale evidence as power plugs, MP3 adapters, and navigation system windshield suction-cup mounts. Thieves know what they're looking for, so hide the electronic accessories, too.
- Don't leave spare keys in your car.
- Etch your driver's license number on valuable items and/or record the serial numbers to aid police in recovering your items if a thief attempts to pawn them.
- Watch for suspicious activity and report it promptly to the Hoover police.

## Mailbox Maintenance

It has been over two years since the HOA asked homeowners to make sure their mailboxes were in compliance with the Lake Crest Rules and Regulations and many mailboxes and posts are showing need of maintenance. If your mailbox is in need of a touch up, please refer to Rule 4 of the Lake Crest Rules and Regulations for the proper paint colors according to your section of Lake Crest. (<http://www.lakecresthoa.com/pdf/resources/sAndRegulations.pdf>)

## Rules and Regulations Revisions

The Board has revised Rule 15 of the Lake Crest Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations and Covenants governing all homes in Lake Crest can be found on the Lake Crest HOA website:

[www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com). The revised rule reads as follows:

Only one sixteen square (4'x4') foot or smaller American flag may be displayed at the front or side of the house. Flagpoles attached to the ground are strictly prohibited..

One sixteen square foot or smaller university/sports team flag or U.S. military service flag may be displayed on the front or side of the house. Only one university, sports team or U.S. military service flag may be displayed at any time.

Small garden flags, pennants or banners must adhere to the same guidelines as the security signs.

All flags shall be maintained in good repair and flown observing proper flag etiquette.

## School Rezoning Information *By Janie Bryant*

As most of you are already aware, Lake Crest is at the forefront of the Hoover Board of Education rezoning discussions, along with Bluff Park and Deer Valley Elementary schools. During the next phase of this implementation, middle schools, Simmons and Bumpus, and high schools Hoover High and Spain Park, will be reevaluated.

There are a couple of good articles I recommend if you are not up to speed on this topic.

Jon Anderson says this so much better than I could: [http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2014/08/hoover\\_school\\_rezoning\\_plan\\_he.html](http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2014/08/hoover_school_rezoning_plan_he.html)

Per Hoover City Schools, here is their proposed realignment summary: [http://www.hoovercityschools.net/Default.asp?](http://www.hoovercityschools.net/Default.asp?PN='News2'&SubP='DNewsStory'&gn=&DivisionID=&DepartmentID=&SubDepartmentID=&NewsID=66629&ShowNav=&StoryGroup=Current)

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### How does this affect you and your family?

As Lake Crest homeowners, this “realignment” could impact us in the following ways:

- 1) Potential Property Value Reduction
- 2) Quality of Education for our elementary children?
- 3) Transportation safety and driving times for teens if they are rezoned for Spain Park.
- 4) Family division: Siblings going to different schools. (i.e. - older sibling is grandfathered into current school and younger sibling would be zoned for new school. Impractical driving scenarios for families who have children who are zoned for two different schools.

### What are we going to do/ What can you do?

- 1) Attend school board meetings: The Board Meeting Schedule can be found at <http://www.hoovercityschools.net/?DivisionID=9926&ToggleSideNav=>
- 2) Sign petition available at pool at sign in table. We are attempting to organize people to take door to door (please let me know if you are interested in volunteering.
- 3) Send an email to Mr. Craig and school board members. The direct link to email them: <http://www.hoovercityschools.net/Default.asp?L=1&LMID=&PN=BoardMembers&DivisionID=9926&DepartmentID=0&SubDepartmentID=0>
- 4) Contact your City Council: All email addresses can be found at: <http://www.hooveral.org/Index.aspx?NID=172>

On August 4, there was a Hoover School Board meeting. There were 10-15 residents who attended and several who spoke on behalf of our neighborhood, including myself. Prior to this meeting I wrote a letter stating opposition to the proposal of rezoning from Gwin to Trace Crossings, from Simmons to Bumpus, and from Hoover High to Spain Park High. There was an attached petition available for homeowners to sign at the pool; however we had only a total of 55-60 signatures.

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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.**

## School Rezoning Information *(continued from page 3)*

Personally, I am scheduling a meeting with Trace Crossings principal to discuss the school, test scores, behavior issues, etc., as I previously taught in a low-income school that had low test scores and understand some of the challenges; I would like to hear how she is addressing these issues in her school.

I have been emailing Mr. Craig's secretary trying to set up a meeting with a time and location that is conducive for all to meet. Initially, Mr. Craig wanted to meet during the school day at 2:00p.m.; however, I suggested another date, as most parents are at work during this time or picking up their children from school at this time. After several days, they gave us the date of **August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. at the Lake Crest Clubhouse**. Unfortunately, this is the same date as "Back to School" night for some children at Gwin Elementary and for all of Simmons. I am asking for at least one parent in the household to represent your family at the clubhouse. If our neighborhood is not interested in this "cause", I will stop pressing to have our voice heard. Please support the children in our neighborhood and attend this meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Pool Update

The Lake Crest Pool will remain open until the end of September with regular pool hours. Please continue to sign in on one of the sign-in sheets when you enter the pool area.

## Lawn Care

Residents whose homes are serviced by American Lawn Care should contact the HOA office if they are experiencing any problems with the landscape maintenance of their property. Homeowners whose homes adjoin power and gas company easements, please remember that maintenance of the easement area is your responsibility.

## Mark Your Calendar

- School Rezoning Information Meeting - August 26, 5:00 p.m., Lake Crest Clubhouse
- Homeowners' Association Meeting - September 8, 7:00 p.m., Lake Crest Clubhouse

## Join Us on Facebook

The Lake Crest Homeowners' Association is now on Facebook! We have set up a closed Facebook group for Lake Crest residents to share information of interest to other neighbors. To join the group, type Lake Crest Homeowners' Association into your Facebook search box. When you reach the page, you will see a prompt that enables you to ask to join. We have three page administrators—Janie Bryant, Tricia Farris and Amy McCarthy—so your request should be approved quickly. By making this a group that requires authorization to join, we hope to protect the privacy of residents and minimize the amount of outside spam.

We hope that you will find this a convenient way to receive HOA news and to communicate information of interest to your neighbors. We ask that you keep all posts and responses pleasant and constructive. We will continue to send out the Lake Crest News six times per year and will also post information on the Lake Crest website, [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com).

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