



Lake Crest News

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From the President

I would like to thank everyone for attending our Annual Meeting on 1-4-16. The place was full and the HOA Board appreciates all the questions and concerns you have about keeping our neighborhood one of the best in Hoover. We look forward to working with you this year. I would also like to congratulate our new board members Quittie Wilson, Lamont Rothrock and Miguel Vilchez. We also want to thank previous board members David Schneider, Lisa Hoyle, Janie Bryant and Babs Petelos who have served their terms. They have spent a lot of their free time helping to improve our neighborhood.

Recently there was a tragedy in the Lake Cyrus neighborhood and Lake Crest homeowners have expressed concern about neighborhood safety. As a board we are scheduling a neighborhood meeting with the Hoover Police Neighborhood Watch representative. That meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. We will also be discussing options and feasibilities about gating and/or video surveillance at the entrances and exits of the neighborhood. As you know having a Neighborhood Watch and/or securing or surveilling our entrances requires a commitment from each homeowner.

In the next few months you will notice changes to the common areas of Lake Crest. Recently we added needed steps and lighting to the nature path that starts at Lake Crest Circle and lighting to the steps at the clubhouse. You will see the nature path around the lake being regraded, drainage pipes added and repaired and a new layer of gravel being put down to allow for easier walking on the path. The clubhouse will soon have a new roof, gutters and the exterior will be completely renovated and landscaped. This will complement the new HVAC system, flooring and other work that has been done to the inside of the clubhouse. These improvements will help our great neighborhood become even more appealing, enhance the natural beauty and increase our home values.

If you have not already done so, now is the time clean up and refresh your natural areas. Keeping your home and lawns looking attractive all year around increases and keeps property values up as much as 20 percent. When we have prospective home buyers looking in our neighborhood we want them to see the pride of ownership we have for our homes and in our community.

Charlie Conklin
President, Lake Crest HOA

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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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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.

Neighborhood Safety Tips

In light of the recent tragic shooting in Lake Cyrus of a husband, father and war veteran on his own property, local residents are ready to be serious about crime prevention. **The HOA has scheduled a meeting on Monday, February 1 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse with Sargent Brian Hale of the Hoover Police Department about starting a Neighborhood Watch and finding out more about how to protect ourselves, our neighbors and our property.** It is going to take commitment from all of us. Right now the HOA is asking residents to be alert, observant and caring. Getting to know your neighbors is the key. You need to be able to recognize anything suspicious or out of the ordinary. Report any suspicious activity immediately to the HPD by dialing 911.

Some suggestions:

- Compile a list of cell phone numbers of all neighbors on your block or that you have sight of their property. Not everyone is in the directory and many do not list their cell phone numbers, or their children's numbers.
 - Become familiar with your neighbors' schedules for work and school.
 - Be familiar with whose kids play outside and which ones ride the bus and those whose parents are at the bus stops with them. Know the bus stops near you and pick-up and drop-off times. Be familiar with the vehicles parked near them during pick-up and drop-off times.
 - Have an emergency plan in place for your children. Make sure they know where to go if you are not home.
 - Tell your adult neighbors (not your neighbors' children) when and how long you are going to be out of town and make sure they can contact you or someone you delegate if needed.
 - Keep vehicles locked at all times and if you leave valuables in the car, make sure they are well concealed. Do not park on the street.
 - Keep garage doors closed at all times and lock inside doors to garages. Lock attic entrances in garages.
 - Keep car fobs near bedside tables or phone app alarm to signal when someone is seen or heard on property.
 - Don't keep keys hidden in obvious places. You may want to consider giving a key to your neighbor.
 - Add extra motion-sensitive lights in areas where intruders may hide.
 - Consider getting surveillance cameras.
 - If you hear or see something outside or whenever going outside at night, turn your outside lights on, wait a few minutes and then check.
 - Use Facebook to communicate anything suspicious, alarming or concerning.
 - We do not allow solicitors in our neighborhood. We have a sign at every entrance. Immediately tell any solicitors this when they come to
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New Landscape Service Provider

American Lawn Care is once again contracted as the landscape service provider for homes in the Oakmere and Townes sectors of Lake Crest (Trumpet Circle, Flag Circle and a part of White Stone Way) as well as all of our neighborhood's common areas. The HOA board recognized that there were a number of problems with the previous landscape contractor and hopes that by returning to American Lawn for 2016 these problems will be remedied. Please contact our property manager Jody Northcutt if you live in one of these sectors and have questions about the maintenance of your yard.

In order to help the landscape crews keep yards looking their best, American Lawn requests that residents pick up any debris in their yard that might hinder the workers from performing maintenance. In particular, they ask that residents make sure pet waste is picked up.

2016 HOA Dues

Notifications for 2016 Lake Crest Homeowners' Association dues were mailed to homeowners in early January and are now due. If you did not receive a copy of this dues notification, please contact Lake Crest Property Manager Jody Northcutt at lchoa@bellsouth.net or 987-9392. Please be aware that homeowners must be current in their dues to participate in HOA events and elections. Information regarding pool access for the upcoming swimming season will be mailed only to those homeowners who have remitted their 2016 dues and have no outstanding fines for covenant violations.

Thank you to all who sent in the form to update their contact information. It is important that we have up-to-date information on hand so we can make sure you receive your newsletter and other communications. If you have not yet done this, please contact Jody.

Pet Problems

Recently the Lake Crest Facebook page has contained a number of reports of dogs—and cats—running loose in the neighborhood. The Lake Crest Facebook page is a useful way to alert neighbors to animals that may have gotten out and reunite them with their owners. Thank you to all the good neighbors who have been concerned about these pets and who have gone out of their way to make sure they are safe.



Just a reminder that the city of Hoover has a leash law that requires all pets (except cats and fowl) to be on a leash attached to the hand of the owner or person in charge unless contained by perimeter boundaries such as above ground or under ground fencing.

One of the most frequent comments at HOA meetings is about pet waste and neighbors who fail to pick up after their pets. Section 4-21 of



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.

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your door that you will call the HPD if they do not leave the neighborhood. Be especially aware of anyone wanting to give you a security alarm system quote. Also do not allow advertisement solicitors. Please call them and let them know we do not allow this and get their names and license plate numbers.

-Be very cautious when opening the door to strangers. Consider putting a chain on your door to communicate with someone you don't know without opening the entire door.

-Get the license plate number on any vehicle that is speeding or suspicious. You never know when a crime could be committed and the information could lead to apprehending a suspect.

-Buy a small portable air horn and keep in areas that are close to the outside or an area you may have designated as safe for tornadoes. Use it to call for help if needed

Please discuss and share any tips you have with your neighbors. By working together we can make our neighborhood a safe place for all.

Join Us on Facebook

The Lake Crest Homeowners' Association is 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. 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.

Mark Your Calendar

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| • February 1 | Neighborhood Safety Meeting | 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse |
| • March 7 | HOA Meeting | 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse |
| • May 7 | Lake Crest Pool Opens | Date of Annual Pool Party TBD |

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the Municipal Code of the City of Hoover states: "The owner of a dog, and any other person or persons in custody or control thereof, shall cause to be removed any solid body excretions deposited by said dog on any property not owned by or in possession of the dog owner or the person or persons in custody and control of said dog at the time of said deposit." When you walk your dog, please carry along a plastic bag and pick up promptly after your pet.
