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Lake Crest News

From the President

Happy summer neighbors! Hopefully you all are enjoying your summer breaks so far and are having safe travels. My family does not have much traveling planned for this summer; we had to settle for the Bahamas in April and frequent Lake Martin on warm weekends. I hope many of you were able to participate in the neighborhood yard sale. I had planned to, but then most of the people in my house came down with strep throat .

Thank you to all who came to June Homeowners' Association meeting; we had a nice turn-out and discussed many important issues facing our neighborhood. Be sure to come to the next meeting Monday, August 4 and share your ideas.

While walking with my children, I have noticed there has been quite a bit of trash on the trails behind the lake and the grassy area around the lake . Also, when I took my kids to the playground and pool, there was a tremendous amount of trash. First of all, if you are enjoying one of these areas, please throw your trash into a garbage can and not on the ground. As many middle school and high school students are required to do community service hours, I was thinking maybe your child would like to utilize a volunteer opportunity by beautifying our neighborhood. Please contact Jody Northcutt or me if you are interested.

There are many important things that are included in this newsletter, so please take the time to read it carefully!

Enjoy each day of the (mostly) beautiful weather and do not forget to do something kind for your neighbor(s)!

Warm Regards, Janie Bryant janiebryantlchoa@gmail.com 205-948-8844

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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

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<u>Lake</u>

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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.

Rules and Regulations Revisions

After listening to homeowner comments, the Board is currently conducting a thorough review of the Lake Crest Homeowner Rules and Regulations. To date, we have voted to amend the rules listed below. We are also working to review and potentially modify others. Until rules have been officially reviewed, modified, and voted on by the board, they will be enforced as they currently read. They will be posted on the website when we have completed review, as each time something is changed on the website, our webmaster charges a \$25 fee. Please note changes below:

Rule #6 Mulch - The board voted unanimously to change the language to read "All ground cover must be natural color on all landscaped areas and surfaces. Examples include pine straw, pine bark, pine mulch or lava rock. Lawns and beds shall be maintained on a seasonal basis and kept free from weeds." Voted on and approved by the LCHOA Board on 04/22/14

Rule #7 Entry Accessories - The board voted unanimously to change the rule to read "Décor on front door shall be well-maintained, inoffensive, appropriate and in keeping with neighborhood aesthetics." Voted on and approved by the LCHOA Board on 04/22/14

Rule # 14 Front porches, part B, planters-The board voted unanimously to change the rule to read "Planters may not contain dead plants, weeds, or artificial plants/flowers." Voted on and approved by the LCHOA Board on 04/22/14

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. Since so many people use Facebook regularly, this provides a way to communicate information more quickly than our bi-monthly

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.

newsletter allows.

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.



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Pool Update

This summer the HOA has received a number of complaints about non-residents using the pool. Please remember that the Lake Crest Pool is for the use of residents and their guests only and the access code should never be given out to non-residents. Residents may bring up to four guests; however, the HOA reserves the right to limit use of the pool to residents only during weekends and holidays if the pool is extremely crowded.



All residents should sign in immediately upon arriving at the pool.

Our pool rules are designed to make the pool a safe and enjoyable place for all. Please take just a few minutes to review the rules, which can be found on the Lake Crest HOA website at http://www.lakecresthoa.com/pdf/resources/PoolRules.pdf, and share them with your family. If you see someone breaking the rules, please notify the pool monitor if one is on duty or contact the property manager at 296-4876.

School Rezoning?

Recently there have been reports that the Hoover School Board may be considering rezoning some or all of the Hoover schools. We encourage you to keep up with information about this in the news and to attend school board meetings to express your opinion on the subject. We will also try to send out an email blast if we learn of more information. You can find a list of scheduled school board meetings on the Hoover City Schools website at: http://hoovercity.schoolinsites.com/?DivisionID=9926&ToggleSideNav. The address for the meetings (and location of the school board ofices) is: Hoover City Board of Education, Farr Administration Building, 2810 Metropolitan Way, Hoover, Alabama 35243.

Traffic Concerns Continue

Speeding on the streets in Lake Crest continues to be a topic of concern for many residents. The subject is raised at every HOA meeting and a number of residents have also expressed their concerns on our neighborhood Facebook page. Please obey the posted speed limit when driving on our streets. Now that school is out for the summer, our children are playing in their yards, riding bikes or walking to the pool. We also have many walkers and joggers who exercise on our sidewalks in the evenings. With so many people out and about, it is especially important that drivers be extra cautious and recognize the consequences that excessive speed could have. Several residents have commented that traffic speeding down the hill from the stop sign at Flag/ Trumpet Circle is a real danger. In addition to obeying the posted speed limits, please be sure to come to a complete stop at all stop signs. If you have a teen driver in your family, please discuss this with them and be sure to set a good example!



Jody Northcutt

P I e a s e s u b m i t 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:

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 \$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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Planning a Vacation?

The Hoover Police Department offers tips to make sure that your vacation is safe and worry-free. For more information, visit: http://www.hooverpd.com/ftpupload/upload/vacation.pdf.

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!



Mark Your Calendar

Next Homeowners' Association Meeting - August 4, 7:00 p.m., Lake Crest Clubhouse