



# Lake Crest News

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## From the President

Spring will be upon us very soon. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready for sunshine and warm weather. Food Truck Thursdays are a tremendous success and we plan to continue this event all year. We also are looking at the possibility of having a food truck during a weekday at the pool when it is open. Last year was rough on everyone's lawns with the army worms and then the drought. We are asking that you begin immediately repairing or replacing damaged lawns, shrubs and trees and be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Make sure to get Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approvals on landscaping and any other repairs you are performing such as roofs and painting. Recently the board decided not to renew a contract with Associa (McKay Management) for providing notices of covenant violations. From now on you will be receiving covenant or any violation information directly from the HOA. Should you have any questions regarding covenants or ARC forms please contact Jody Northcutt at the HOA office. Jody has now become our full-time property manager so you should get most answers within 24 to 48 hours except for ARC-related issues which typically take a little longer.

In the past I have talked about "Pride of Ownership" The HOA has asked everyone to get their mail box, post and flag painted and I still see quite a few that have not been touched in years or are the wrong color, especially the post. The correct colors are posted on our website. We have a local crew available to help take care of this issue at a very good price and it's a whole lot less than the fine. Keeping your home in top condition should be a priority. It not only increases your home's value but helps the neighborhood value as well. With all the new homes being built around us we have tremendous competition so this should be a priority to every homeowner in Lake Crest. Did you know that if you have replaced your roof, plumbing or electrical fixtures such as your water heater or main electrical panel and or replaced your heating and cooling system you may receive a discount on you home owners insurance? I hope everyone has noticed how well lighted the clubhouse parking lots are. We recently replaced the old fixtures with new LED fixtures that use approximately 50 percent less energy and are two to three times brighter than what was there before. We are looking at converting all the neighborhood lighting to LED as well. I am looking forward to our annual pool party in May and I hope to see you there.

Charlie Conklin  
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**

**Tricia Farris - Newsletter**  
*plfarris@bellsouth.net*

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

### **Lake**

### **ARC/Covenant**

### **Pool**

## 2017 Swim Season

The Lake Crest pool will open for the 2017 season on May 1, 2017. The annual Pool Party is planned for Saturday, May 20 with hot dogs, hamburgers, music and fun for all. We are delaying the pool party this year to allow for warmer weather. Look for more information as the date approaches.

The HOA board made a decision last fall to replace all of the old pool furniture with new furniture for the 2017 swimming season. The old furniture was made available for purchase by homeowners at a discounted price.

Last year we instituted a key fob system which would allow all homeowners who are current with their HOA dues and have no outstanding covenant fines access to the pool. The key fob system was a success and we will be using it again this year. If you have lost your key fob, please notify Jody. New key fobs can be purchased for \$15 each.

## Mailbox Upkeep

Just a reminder that if a residence has been cited for a mailbox violation, the homeowner has 30 days to comply with HOA guidelines. If you have questions regarding mailbox guidelines, please refer to Rule 4 of the Lake Crest Rules and Regulations which includes the correct paint colors and mailbox topper requirements for each section of Lake Crest.

If you need assistance with mailbox repairs, including refinishing address plates, please contact Mike Taylor, at 218-6165.

## ARC Update

With the approach of spring, the Lake Crest Architectural Review Committee (ARC) becomes very busy with many homeowner requests regarding improvements to their homes. Please be aware that per the Lake Crest Covenants homeowners must request approval from the ARC before making any changes to exterior or landscaping of their home. This includes, but is not limited to, improvements such as re-roofing, window or door replacement, painting, fencing, deck replacement or additions, and landscaping, including removal of any trees. Forms to request ARC approval are available on the Lake Crest HOA website, [www.lakecresthoa.com](http://www.lakecresthoa.com), and should be submitted to Property Manager Jody Northcutt prior to beginning any work on the home. Please be sure to fill out the forms completely and provide all the requested materials so that requests can be handled as quickly as possible. Please submit your requests well in advance of the proposed start date for your project. The ARC does its best to handle all requests promptly, but when there are a large number of requests that come in, such as there are each spring, we must consider requests in the order they are submitted, allowing sufficient time for review by all committee members.



*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).

## Drought Damaged Landscaping

Many home landscapes took a beating last fall with the combined punch of Army Worms in the lawns and prolonged drought which affected turf grass, shrubs and trees. As spring arrives, homeowners need to carefully evaluate their landscape to determine which damaged plants may survive with restorative pruning and which need to be removed and replaced. Homeowners also need to keep in mind that drought-stressed or damaged plants which were not killed outright by the drought may be more susceptible to disease and pests and continue to decline this year. Evergreens and conifers such as Leyland Cypress, arborvitae and junipers seem to have been particularly hard-hit in our neighborhood. Some conifers may regenerate with proper pruning but their shape and appearance will be altered and homeowners may want to seriously consider replacing those plants with other selections that are more drought, disease and pest tolerant. Horticulturists suggest that pruning and replanting be done in the early spring. Installing new plants before they begin the active growth season allows time for them to develop new roots before producing new leaves.

Homeowners may want to consult this publication from the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service on how to choose plants and protect their landscapes against future drought: <http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1336/ANR-1336.pdf>

The Lake Crest HOA board asks that homeowners remove and replace drought-damaged shrubs and trees or remove all dead branches and foliage no later than May 1, 2017. Damaged turf grass or bare areas should be sodded or reseeded by that date as well. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, the normal covenant enforcement process will be applied to dead and damaged trees, shrubs and grass. If you have any questions regarding this timeline, please contact Jody.

## Trash Pickup

At the March meeting, the HOA received numerous comments and complaints from homeowners regarding limbs and other landscape debris blocking visibility on Lake Crest Drive and other streets.

As you begin cleaning up and pruning in your yard, please remember:

1. If you employ a lawn/yard service contractor, they are responsible, per City of Hoover regulations, for removing debris such as limbs, leaves, etc. from your property.
2. Any limbs, leaves (which must be bagged outside of the regular leaf collection schedule) and other debris should be placed curbside, taking special care not to block visibility for any oncoming traffic on the street. The City of Hoover does not automatically pick these up on regular collection days. Homeowners are asked to notify either Santek at 205-631-1313 or Public Works at 205-444-7543 to be placed on a collection schedule.



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 296-4876.

**PLEASE NOTE: The pool is not part of the clubhouse rental nor can the pool be reserved.**

## Nature Trail

When walking on the trail around the lake or fishing from the bank, please be sure to properly dispose of any food wrappers, drink bottles or fishing line you bring with you so that others may also enjoy our beautiful common areas.

Bikes are not allowed on the trails as they may damage the new gravel surface. The HOA is in the process of posting signs, but if you see bikers using the trail, please remind them.

The HOA is looking for volunteers, such as Boy Scouts, etc., to patrol the lake and pick up trash on a regular basis. The HOA will make a contribution to any group that would like to volunteer.

## Hoover Hazardous Waste Day

Hoover's annual Hazardous Waste Day will take place on Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hoover Met. Take advantage of this as you begin spring cleaning your garages, basements, medicine cabinets and closets. It is such a great way for the residents of Hoover to safely dispose of household chemicals, pesticides, paints, batteries, automobile fluids, electronics, medications, guns, ammo and other hazardous items. For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, please visit our website at [www.hooveralabama.gov](http://www.hooveralabama.gov). The event is open to Hoover residents only and businesses are not allowed to participate. Verification of residency will be required by showing a valid driver's license or photo ID with address.

## Annual Lake Crest Yard Sale

The annual Lake Crest Yard Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, June 10. Each home participating in the yard sale sets up its own sale in its driveway or garage. The Lake Crest Homeowners' Association will place ads in local publications advertising the sale and will place signs at the entrances to Lake Crest. It's a great way to recycle unwanted items and clean out your attic and garage. Look for more information to be posted closer to the sale date on the LCHOA website and on our Facebook page.

## Be a Considerate 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!

