



July 2016

## *Towne Lake Homeowners Association*

### **President's Message**

We have had several incidents in Towne Lake over the last few months where things have been stolen out of people's yards, open garages, and unlocked vehicles. Please make sure to secure your vehicles and make sure you keep your garage doors closed when you are not actively using it. On a positive note, our security cameras have been able to assist the police and have made the thefts difficult for the thieves as they are now walking into the neighborhood instead of driving. We will continue to have problems until everyone starts locking their vehicles and keeping the garage doors closed.

Everyone should have received their 2016 Homeowners Directory by now. Please ensure your name, address, and phone number are correct in the 2016 Directory. We will be printing the 2017 Directory which will have our covenants & ARC guidelines in addition to the resident information in the early spring next year and would like to have all the correct information. Send any corrections to [joe.dike@rjdassociates.net](mailto:joe.dike@rjdassociates.net).

I also want to take this opportunity to welcome our new residents and encourage all of you to attend our annual meeting held every January. For those who need them, we have Towne Lake stickers for your rear car window. These stickers are used to identify vehicles and people who are authorized to fish in our lakes as well as provide authorities a way to identify who belongs in our neighborhood should we have a disaster of some sort.

**Bob Frye**

### **Towne Lake Websites**

There is a lot of information on YOUR website: forms, past newsletters, answers to Frequently Asked Questions, fishing info, and more. You can view it at: <http://townelakemontgomery.wordpress.com/> This website is open to the public, and serves as an information repository for people who are interested in Towne Lake and for residents who would like quick access to information.

We also still have our "closed" neighborhood watch/news website, which is at <http://groups.google.com/group/towne-lake-watch/>

You may send a request with your name and address to [admin@townelakemontgomery.com](mailto:admin@townelakemontgomery.com) to be added to the closed news website. We invite all of you to visit both websites regularly.

## A Special Thank You

Over the past few years, we have experienced problems with our ponds and the dams that keep them full. After years of normal erosion and a few flood events, there have been several repairs needed. These have all been handled by Newell Construction. They, as the original architects of this fine neighborhood, have stood by Mr. Newell's dream of making this one of the best places to live in Montgomery. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Newell family.

## Speed Reminder

The posted speed limit in the Towne Lake neighborhood is 25 mph. Please be mindful of this especially now that we are in the midst of summer when the kids are out of school.



*Please Slow Down*

## Architectural Review Committee News

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will continue to work with the Towne Lake Home Owners to keep the neighborhood beautiful and reflecting high value.

The Towne Lake neighborhood is beautiful and we appreciate all of our residents who support that by submitting their ARC request before starting on maintenance or home improvements to the outside of their house and yard. Please know that there is no longer a \$50 fee required for submitting an ARC request. We, the ARC and Towne Lake Board, thank you for complying with the standards set forth in the Towne Lake Home Owners Covenants. Homeowners must submit an ARC request before starting any modifications or repairs outside the home such as replacing windows, repainting, installing a satellite dish, shrubs, additions, etc.

The ARC request form is available on our website or you can also send an email to [arc@townlakemontgomery.com](mailto:arc@townlakemontgomery.com) or call Essie McGhee at 396-6764 for more information on submitting ARC requests. The average turnaround time on an ARC request is roughly 48 hours.

## Streets and Sidewalks

Towne Lake has needed only a few minor repairs to our streets and sidewalks over the past year. Please continue to report problems with streets and sidewalks the City of Montgomery Maintenance Department. Street/sidewalk maintenance can be requested by calling 311 or 334-240-INFO (4636). Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:00 am to 3:30 pm. You may also e-mail your request to [311@montgomeryal.gov](mailto:311@montgomeryal.gov). In addition, the City of Montgomery Web Site provides a lot of information regarding all of the services offered by the City: <http://www.montgomeryal.gov/>



## Satellite Dishes

In our technology rich world, we have many choices for the delivery of television entertainment. If you choose one of the many satellite companies, please be aware that the covenants of the Towne Lake neighborhood specifically state where and how these devices are to be placed on your property. The ARC Guidelines (available on the TLHOA website) state that *“All satellite dish installations must be done with ARC approval, and will only be allowed in the rear of the home and hidden from the view from the front of the homeowner’s properties. Satellite dish must be round or oval shaped, small and unobtrusive, with dimensions not exceeding 21” wide.”*

## **Grounds and Beautification**

The Tecnecenter flower bed is finished and all the flower beds around our neighborhood are looking beautiful and ready for summer!

## **Electrical**

Numerous repairs have been accomplished already this year. The fountain in the lake next to Arrowhead’s tennis courts is back up and running, but it could be some time before replacement wiring which was twisted when the fountain anchor ropes broke several months ago can be replaced in order to move the fountain back to its original location due to the difficulty in locating parts.

If you have a streetlight on your property and there are tree limbs that are touching (or close to touching) the globes, please have them trimmed back. Each globe costs \$400 to replace and a little preventive maintenance will save us the hassle of replacing and spending limited electrical repair fund needlessly. This is a homeowners’ responsibility.

## **“ 🎵 🎵 🎵 Like a good neighbor, don’t leave it there! 🎵 🎵 🎵 ”**

Did you know that dog feces is the #3 cause of water pollution in the US? In recent EPA studies, 1 gram of dog feces contains 23 million disease causing bacteria. Our natural ecosystem can handle 2 dogs per square mile while urban areas in the US contain more than 125 dogs per square mile. So is it the pooch that is to blame for this issue? No, it is owners who do not properly clean up and dispose of #2 from our #1 best friends.

Let’s work together to keep our neighborhood safe and clean, so that it may be enjoyed for generations to come; it’s the neighborly thing to do. So, next time you are out and about with your furry friend, please bring bags to pick up what he/she leaves behind from their behind.

**There is NO poop fairy!**

**Please pick up  
after your dog.**



### Dues Notice

To eliminate any confusion regarding the collection of dues, please mark the following dates on your calendar.

Invoice for dues are mailed.....July 1

(Payment must be received by August 1 to avoid late penalty of \$15.00)

Past due statements are mailed.....August 1

Turned over for Collection.....September 1\*

Liens filed.....September 31\*\*

\*All dues not received by the Association by these dates will be turned over to the Association Attorney for collection. Members will be responsible for the Attorney fees.

\*\*A lien will be filed on these dates on all delinquent accounts.

### Board Members

Bob Frye (President) ..... 409-9858

Joe Dike  
(Secretary/Directory/Streets & Signs) ..... 866-846-4347

Laurens Pierce (Treasurer/Electrical) ..... 277-9309

Tim Hatch (Newsletter) ..... 213-7909

Essie McGhee (ARC)..... 396-6764

Marsha Miller (Flowers & Beautification) ..... 244-0977

Braxton Bridgers (ARC).....244-0337

Cabott Stough (Grounds/Irrigation/ARC) ..... 271-5116

Leon Willis (Grounds/Irrigation) ..... 215-8904

*Note to Residents: If your name is not the one listed on the address label, please email Joe Dike at [admin@townelakemontgomery.com](mailto:admin@townelakemontgomery.com) to update our directory. Also, if you are a relatively new homeowner and would like your telephone number added to our directory, please send Joe an email.*

## *Towne Lake Homeowners Association Newsletter*

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