



Towne Lake Homeowners Association – December 2013

## President's Message

It's almost time for our annual homeowner's meeting which will be at 7 PM, Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Arrowhead Country Club. There are several things on the agenda that I think are important to everyone in Towne Lake. First, we will discuss the budget for next year, our financial status, and our plans for the coming year. The second important thing that we need to do at the meeting is elect two volunteer board members. The article elsewhere in the newsletter talks about all the things you board has worked in the past year so this gives you an idea of the workload of the board. Anyone who is interested in running for one of the board openings needs to notify either Joe Dike, the board secretary, or myself not later than 6 January 2014.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new residents and encourage them to attend our annual meeting to meet other residents and to see what is planned for the future of Towne Lake. In addition for those who need them, we will have Towne Lake stickers for your windshields. We also want to make sure we have the correct names, address, and phone number for the next Towne Lake Directory which will be published in late January or early February and will have our covenants & ARC guidelines in addition to the resident directory.

Finally, I want to wish everyone **Happy Holidays**.

Bob Frye

## Towne Lake Websites

We have just completed a re-refresh of our Towne Lake website, to make things easier to find. There is a lot of information on the site: 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/>

We invite all of you to visit both websites regularly.

### Important Dates

- January 16: Homeowners' Association General Meeting
- January 31: Homeowners' Association dues payment due



## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Please mark your calendars for our General Homeowners' Association Meeting at the Arrowhead Country Club, **January 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm.**

## **SANTA'S ARRIVAL**

The arrival of Ole St. Nick in Towne Lake will be December 21st. Santa will arrive as usual starting at 10:00 a.m. and will visit every street in the neighborhood. Candy will be thrown out to all standing on the sides of the street. Please invite all your grandchildren and friends to come and enjoy this holiday event. Thanks to Ray Little for making this happen each year!!!!



## **Grounds and Beautification**

Our five year plan to change the looks of some of our commons area is taking shape. Many of the new trees are doing well with others to be added this winter or early spring.

This year we will be planting more perennials, downsizing some flower beds and adding grasses for natural color in the flower beds. Technacenter Drive will have Encore Azaleas along the south side with the roses. Hopefully we will get rid of the pencil thin Crape Myrtles and replace them with something better in the New Year.

If you have ideas or suggestions please contact Leon Willis or Marsha Miller.

Let's make Towne Lake more beautiful at all times.

**AGAIN - Hats off to those who pick up trash every morning off the streets. You are truly good neighbors.**

## **Neighborhood Watch**

We all need to be especially careful around this time of year. Remember to lock your cars at night, turn on outside lights, set your alarm system if you have one, and BE OBSERVANT. If you take a picture of a suspicious car, let them see you do it. Let them know we're watching.

## **Architectural Review Committee News**

The ARC members are Essie McGhee-Chairperson, Cabott Stough and Braxton Bridgers. We will continue to work with the Towne Lake home owners to keep the neighborhood beautiful. According to the Covenants, home owners must submit an ARC request for approval before starting any outside maintenance or repairs such as replacing windows, painting, planting trees, adding pergolas, etc.

There is no fee for an ARC request. The average turnaround on an ARC request is roughly 24 hours, and most are approved with little or no questions asked. The ARC request form is available on our website but you can

also send us an email at [arc@townlakemontgomery.com](mailto:arc@townlakemontgomery.com). We actually prefer an email request because we get it sooner and will be able to send you the ARC approval within 24 hours.

The Towne Lake neighborhood is beautiful and we appreciate all of our residents who follow the guidelines and submit ARC requests before starting any maintenance or home improvements to the outside of their house and yard. Many of the home owners continue to make wonderful improvements on their homes, which reflect the high-class of our Towne Lake neighborhood and its residents. We, the ARC, thank you for complying with the standards set forth in the Towne Lake Home Owners Covenants.

**Our goal is to keep the neighborhood looking good & attractive.**

**We need your help to achieve our goal.**

### **Streets, Sidewalks, and Trash Collection**

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 or to any Board member. 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). The web site for Montgomery also has a 311 button allowing you to submit Service Requests. 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/>

Trash reminder!!!! Bulk trash pickup is on Wednesday of each week. Trash should not be placed on the street before 12:00 noon on Tuesday of each week. The only exceptions for garbage pickup will be for holidays and those adjusted days will be listed on the Montgomery City website shown above.

#### **Dues Notice**

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

Invoices for dues are mailed .....January 1

(Payment must be received by January 31 to avoid late penalty of \$15.00)

Past due statements are mailed ..... February 1

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

Liens Filed.....March 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

#### **Volunteer Consultant**

David Stankard (Webmaster)..... 215-3109

***Note to Residents:** If your name is not the one listed on the address label, please call Joe Dike at 866-846-4347 to update our directory. Also, if you are a relatively new homeowner and would like your telephone number added to our directory, please give Joe a call.*



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