



## Towne Lake Homeowners Association – July 2013

### President's Message

It seems like the last six months have just flown by but it is once again time for our semiannual newsletter. I think the neighborhood continues to be the best in Montgomery and several other homeowner associations have told me that. There is one good reason for this and it is each of you doing your part to make this a great place to live. It is picking up trash on the street that doesn't belong to you as several residents do. It is keeping our yards and houses in tip top shape. So I want to thank each and every one of you.

We have had a lot of discussion and consternation as to how to solve the problem of non residents fishing in our lakes. I believe we have solved the problem with our new fishing signs and with the support of our state fish and game division. Now we just call them when we see someone fishing and their car or truck does not have a Towne Lake sticker. Please call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-272-GAME or 334-242-3467 to report illegal fishing.

We have had some problems with our fountains lately but as of today everything is back in operation thanks to the good work of Laurens Pierce. I also want to thank Tim Hatch for making this newsletter a reality. Essie McGhee, Cabott Stough, and Braxton Bridgers of the ARC continue to do a great job for us and Marsha Miller has really work hard with our landscapers to keep Towne Lake looking great in the absence of Leon Willis who continues to recover from some serious medical issues. Leon has been a driving force behind this board for years and we wish him a speedy recovery. Joe Dike has done a great job keeping our directory information up to date and working with David Stankard on the website. We want to thank David who is no longer on the board for continuing his service to the neighborhood by working these websites.

The entire Board wants to extend to all the new Towne Lake Residents a sincere and warm welcome to our neighborhood. If you have moved into the neighborhood recently, please take a moment and contact any of the Board members listed in this newsletter, and be sure we have your full name, address, and correct phone number to add to the next directory which will be published in January 2014.

Your Board encourages all residents, *new and old* to remain aware of the Towne Lake "Covenants, Guidelines and ARC requirements", which were established when the neighborhood was initially built in 1992, to protect and enhance everyone's property values. Your continued cooperation will be sincerely appreciated, as the Homeowners Association Board is charged to enforce these covenants and the ARC guidelines. These guidelines and covenants can be found on our website and in our annual directory.

**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.

## **\*\* Change Notification \*\***

A recent change in our guidelines allows us to put out trash for bulk pickup anytime after noon on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup.

## **Electrical**

Fortunately for our neighborhood, we have not had any lightning strikes to any of our 5 lake fountains this year, which many times can result in very costly repairs. We have had one irrigation water well pump fail, however timing could not have been better, as it occurred during this current unusually wet and rainy weeks in June and July.

I want to once again thank all the Towne Lake residents who have been so helpful in reporting street lights out to me so I can initiate a repair service request with the appropriate persons at Dixie Electric Cooperative. Just so everyone will understand the process; we, the Towne Lake residents, collectively own all the street light posts and globes, however the City of Montgomery pays for the electricity for these lights and the replacement of burned out bulbs. As our lamp posts have aged, many times a bulb does not fix the problem, so when that happens the HOA then has to call our electrical contractor to make internal repairs such as replacing a ballast. In such cases this is why it can take two trips from two different service providers to repair the street light.

If you have a street light out in your area of Towne Lake, please e mail Laurens Pierce at: [treasurer@townelakemontgomery.com](mailto:treasurer@townelakemontgomery.com) . Upon receipt of this e mail, a repair service order will immediately be sent to Dixie Electric Cooperative.

Time seems to fly by, and with this year already past the half way point, it will not be long before it will be time to once again have our brilliant Christmas lights installed for the holidays.

## **Grounds and Beautification**

The summer flower beds are looking good and our next planting will be in the fall. Along the lakes the cherry trees are doing fine and will bloom again in the spring. In a couple of months, “knock-out” roses will be planted along Technacenter Drive. If you have ideas or suggestions please contact Leon Willis or Marsha Miller. Let’s make Towne Lake more beautiful at all times.

***A BIG “Thank You” to those who pick up trash every morning off the streets. You are truly good neighbors.***



Have a GREAT summer !



## **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. Many of the homeowners continue to make wonderful improvements and complete timely maintenance on their homes, which reflects the high value of our Towne Lake neighborhood and its residents. We, the ARC and Towne Lake Board, thank you for complying with the standards set forth in the Towne Lake Home Owners Covenants.

**Reminder!!!** Homeowners must submit an ARC request before starting any modifications or repairs outside the home such as replacing windows, repainting, shrubs, additions, etc. There is no fee for an ARC request. 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.

**Our goal is to keep the neighborhood looking good & attractive. We need your help to achieve our goal.**

## **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 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). 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/>

## **Fishing and Recreation**

Fishing activity has increased in the waters around Towne Lake. Please keep in mind the rules for fishing in our neighborhood and report any violations to the Alabama Game & Fish Division a 242-3467.

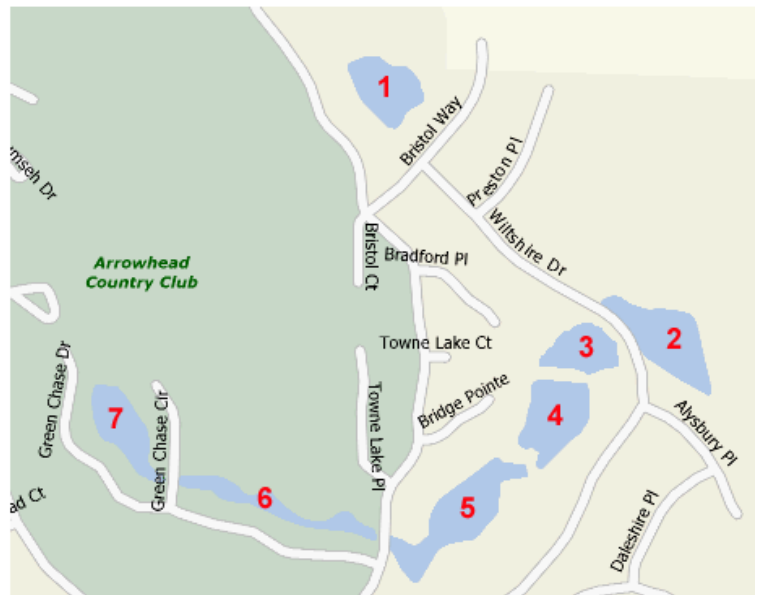


**Lake #1** - Fishing only for residents whose homes border the lake, and their guests.

**Lakes #2, #3, and #4** - Fishing for all Towne Lake residents and their guests. Please note that there is some private property on the east side of lake #2.

**Lake #5** - This is property of the Arrowhead Country Club, and there is NO FISHING allowed.

**Lakes #6 and #7** - This is also property of the Arrowhead Country Club, but fishing is allowed only for those residents whose homes border the lakes, and their guests.



**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

**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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