



## Towne Lake Homeowners Association – July 2014

### **President's Message**

It seems like we just had our annual meeting but it has been six months. I think Towne Lake continues to be one of the best neighborhoods in Montgomery and that is because of each of you do your part to make our neighborhood a great place to live. We do continue to have problems with some residents not adhering to our ARC guidelines and putting trash and limbs on the street before the designated time (noon on Tuesdays for the Wednesday pickup). Please help us keep our neighborhood looking great by complying with our guidelines which are in the Towne Lake Directory which each of you should have received recently.

Your volunteer board continues to work hard for you. Marsha Miller and Leon Willis are trying hard to get our common areas and flower beds in shape after this tough winter and we have had to take out several trees as well. Tim Hatch continues to do a great job with this newsletter while Joe Dike works our streets issues as well as signing people up for our private website while also being the board secretary and working the annual directory. Laurens Pierce continues to work our never ending electrical issues as well as backing me up when I am out of town. Essie McGhee, Braxton Bridgers, and Cabott Stough continue to do the heavy lifting on the ARC which is critical to our maintaining our great neighborhood. I also want to thank our long time accountant, Janet Carroll, who continues to track our finances and our dues payments. It is great that we only had one resident during this last cycle that failed to pay their dues and had to be turned over to the lawyer for collection. All of this extra expense to collect these dues is borne by the delinquent homeowner. The total costs can run into the thousands of dollars.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new residents and encourage them to attend our annual meeting in January which is a great opportunity to meet other residents and to see what is planned for the future of Towne Lake. In addition for those who need them, our board members have a few Towne Lake stickers for your vehicles. If we need to order more, we will.

**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.

## **Electrical**

The Towne Lake neighborhood is nestled in a beautiful area which includes 7 lakes, 5 fountains, Arrowheads beautiful Golf Course, and many trees and wooded areas bordering the east and northeast edges of homes. In case you may be a new resident, the Homeowners Association along with all the 411 Towne Lake home owners own all the 128 Carriage Street light poles, as well as all the cast metal stop sign posts etc. Electrical issues cover a wide range of items ranging from Street Lights out, entrance wall lights out, to fountain water pumps that have quit working to fountain lights failing, well water pumps failing that run our irrigation system, and sprinkler boost pumps. All that being said, the neighborhood has an elaborate electrical network and it has even more electrical needs in December, when some 12,000 LED lights are used to illuminate trees and bushes all over the neighborhood for seasonal decorations.

If you have a street light out in front or near your home, please report it to “Electrical” on the neighborhood website, or contact me or any other HOA Board member with the HOA, as we will then report it to the appropriate party for repairs. As the date of this letter being written, we are waiting for needed parts to repair the fountain lights in the City Pond, as well as the Green Chase Lake. Currently the fountain in the lake near Arrowhead’s tennis courts is also awaiting parts to get it back up and going.

## **Grounds and Beautification**

The summer flower beds are looking good and the “new look” to the Daleshire entrance is quite beautiful. It is the intent to plant more “knock-out” roses in the fall along Technacenter Drive where the old wax myrtles once lived.

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/>

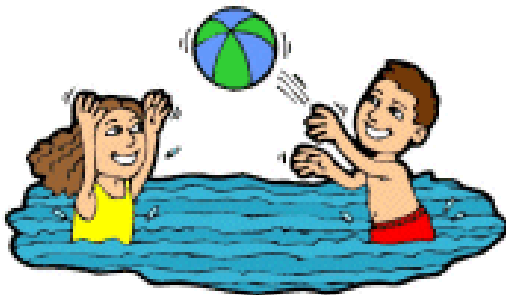
### **City of Montgomery Ordinance - Reminder**

Ordinance 56-2013, Section 12-83

Swimming Pools or Hot Tubs

It shall be unlawful, between the 15th day of April and the 15th day of November each year, for any person to allow water to remain in a swimming pool or hot tub on premises owned, occupied or controlled by said person, unless such water is circulating through an operational filtration system and chlorine or another similar chemical treatment has been applied to the water.

- Pools that are stagnant or lack appropriate chemicals become a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes !



#### **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)

#### **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

*Note to Residents: If your name is not the one listed on the address label, please email Joe Dike at [joe.dike@rjdassociates.net](mailto:joe.dike@rjdassociates.net) 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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