



## *Towne Lake Homeowners Association - December 2015*

### *President's Message*

It's almost time again for our annual homeowner's meeting which will be at 7 PM, Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Arrowhead CC. 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 as we have two board members who need to be re-elected or replaced. Anyone who is interested in running for one of the board openings needs to notify either Joe Dike, the board secretary, or myself no later than 5 January 2014.

We have had several incidents in Towne Lake over the last month 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 were able to assist the police in identifying the vehicle used in a break in on Wiltshire Drive and at least one arrest has been made and some property recovered.

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. Please ensure your name, address, and phone number are correct in the 2015 Directory. We will be printing the 2016 Directory which will have our covenants & ARC guidelines in addition to the resident directory in the early spring and would like to have all the correct

information. Send any corrections to Joe Dike at [joe.dike@rjdassociates.net](mailto:joe.dike@rjdassociates.net).

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

**Bob Frye**

### **TOWNE LAKE WEBSITES**

We continue to maintain our Towne Lake website, to make information easily available. 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 often.

### **Important Dates**

- January 14: 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 which will be held on **January 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm.**

## **SANTA'S ARRIVAL**

Santa's annual tour of Towne Lake will be Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Santa will arrive at his usual 10:00 a.m. and will visit every street our neighborhood. Treats 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 again this year!!!!



## **GROUNDS AND BEAUTIFICATION**

We are in the process of completing our 4<sup>th</sup> year of the 5 year plan to upgrade our grounds. The Cherry trees have taken a blistering summer and deer that love to rub the bark. Breaking the bark on a cherry tree usually kills it. We have replaced several and some are doing much better. We have pressure-washed the front entranced walls and the gazebo. The gazebo will now be ready to paint which we are securing bids for this job. Our irrigation and wells have given us some real problems this year. We feel we have repaired what we know about as being broken or not doing the job. We have water going to all of our flower beds and have just a few more areas to bring more water to specific areas.

We have our fall planting in the beds and all are doing well. As you know the deer love to pull up the plants and eat the tender roots. We are using a product that should keep them away from the blooming flowers. We have several Saw-tooth oaks that will replace some of our trees in the gazebo and lake area. These will be planted in late December. The river birch trees are still holding on and we are watching for trunk rot that has taken several out.

Thanks again for those who pick up the debris on Technacenter Drive. We need more neighbors helping in this area. We still have a concern of those who walk their dogs but fail to pick up the poop. Many neighbors are enjoying walking in the cool of the evening and we should make it a pleasant time rather than having to avoid the poop and the smell along their routes. I have had several calls regarding barking dogs that are annoying to many of their neighbors. You can call the city and they will visit the owner of the pet.

Thanks to Anne Ellington and Joy Skelton for keeping the "Pot" with seasonal flowers that make the entrance so pleasant.

If you have any suggestions regarding our grounds please call Leon Willis or Marsha Miller.

## **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 Architectural Review Committee (ARC), namely Essie McGhee, Cabott Stough and Braxton Bridgers, will continue to review homeowners requests and give approval for the ones that comply with the standards and guidelines outlined in the Covenants.

The Towne Lake Neighborhood is the most pleasant and beautiful environment in which to live. We appreciate all of our homeowners who support and comply with the guidelines by submitting their ARC request before starting on maintenance or home improvements to the outside of their home. Many of our 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 and guidelines 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. Please email ARC requests to [arc@townelakemontgomery.com](mailto:arc@townelakemontgomery.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 Towne Lake Neighborhood beautiful & attractive. We need your help to achieve our goal.**

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS, and TRASH COLLECTION**

Towne Lake streets and sidewalks remain in good shape. 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 & Sidewalks) ...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 Newsletter address label, please email correct information to Joe Dike at [joe.dike@rjdassociates.net](mailto:joe.dike@rjdassociates.net) to update our directory. Also, if you are a new homeowner and would like your name and telephone number added to our directory, please send Joe an email.*



## *Towne Lake Homeowners Association Newsletter*

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