



## *Towne Lake Homeowners Association - December 2018*

### *President's Message*

It's almost time again for our annual homeowner's meeting which will be at 7 PM, Thursday, January 10<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. Secondly, we will address the mediation settlement of our lawsuit and provide details on our legal costs associated with this lawsuit. The third important thing that we need to do at the meeting is elect or reelect four volunteer board members. Anyone who is interested in running for one of the board openings needs to notify either Larry Craven, the board secretary, or myself not later than 2 January 2018. Several people have asked for the specifics of when each board member's term expires so here is the list and the date their current term expires.

Tim Hatch--Jan 2019  
Braxton Bridgers--Jan 2019

Bob Frye--Jan 2020  
Marsha Miller--Jan 2020  
Lee Conner--Jan 2020

Cabott Stough--Jan 2021  
Larry Craven--Jan 2021

As a result of our several traffic studies, working with traffic department, and our neighborhood petition, we now have stop signs at Towne Lake Drive & Bradford Place as well as at Technicenter Drive & Wiltshire Drive.

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 2018 Directory. We will be printing the 2019 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 [admin@townelakemontgomery.com](mailto:admin@townelakemontgomery.com).

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.

## **A FRIENDLY REMINDER**

The City of Montgomery has an ordinance (Chapter 4 Section 13) known commonly as “the leash law.” It is unlawful for the owner of or any person having custody control of any dog to allow or permit a dog to run at large within the city limits. Please be mindful of this and be courteous to Towne Lake common property and your neighbors.

## **THE TOWNE LAKE SANTA**

For many years the Towne Lake neighborhood was visited by Santa in his little red corvette along with his elves throwing candy to all the children (young and old). For those who did not know, our neighbor Ray Little Jr. was the jolly old elf who brought Christmas cheer to all of us annually. Sadly, Ray passed away in mid-October. On behalf of the entire Towne Lake neighborhood, we would like to thank the entire Little family for the years of Christmas cheer.

EDITOR’S NOTE – I have lived in Towne Lake for 12 years and my 11-year-old son does not know a Christmas without “Corvette Santa.” The years of standing in the driveway anxiously awaiting the corvette sleigh will be cherished memories for the Hatch family. Thanks Santa!!!!



**Ray Little Jr. ( 1951 – 2018 )**



## **GROUNDS AND BEAUTIFICATION**

Recently, “Knockout Roses” were planted around the spillway and 750 bales of pine straw were spread around shrubs and trees throughout the neighborhood. New Holly Bushes were planted in front of the utility boxes on Towne Lake Drive. If you have any suggestions contact, please contact Marsha Miller or Braxton Bridgers.

## **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)**

Thanks to the owners who have submitted ARC requests for their outside projects and improvements. While the approval process may seem annoying and burdensome to some, its purpose is to keep Towne Lake an attractive place to live and help protect our property values. Usually it is free, fast and relatively painless – our goal is to turn around requests in less than 24 hours and often we can do it in only a few hours.

Here are a few Covenant/Guidelines issues we have noticed lately. If a contractor needs to temporarily park a **trailer or dumpster** in your driveway during the period of interior or exterior work, please submit an ARC request. Likewise, if you want to remove a **tree**, when you submit a request, provide the reasons for the removal. Normally, and especially for trees original to the development, just saying “we don’t like it anymore” is not sufficient grounds for approval. Putting garbage cans, bags of **trash** or tree/shrubbery clippings on the curb early does not reflect favorably on our Towne Lake neighborhood. If there is a valid reason for putting it out early, please submit a request or in some cases, ask a neighbor for help. Remember the City of Montgomery requires contractors to remove their debris.

Again, thanks for your support in helping us maintain the original beauty of Towne Lake.

### **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 to 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/> For example, if you need replacement garbage can, call the city.

### **ELECTRICAL**

As most of our residents know, there are 7 lakes within the Towne Lake community and 5 of these lakes have fountains that serve two purposes; one to aerate the water, and secondly to add to the beauty of our neighborhood. Over the years the number one cause of fountain failures has been lightning strikes followed by fishing lines becoming tangled in the pump impellers. So far in 2018 we have been fortunate that the only fountain damaged by lightning was the one in the lake by the Arrowhead tennis courts.

In previous newsletters, we have noted that the Towne Lake community owns all 128 street lights. The City of Montgomery provides the electricity and bulbs for the lights, however if a ballast or photo eye fails, that becomes the responsibility of the Towne Lake HOA. This is being mentioned so that residents will have a better understanding of the procedures involved when a street light is reported out.

Initially Dixie Electric Cooperative is contacted with the address of the street light which is out and they dispatch a service truck to replace the bulb. If, however, the bulb does not correct the problem, Dixie Electric reports back to the Towne Lake HOA that a bulb did not correct the problem. Next, the HOA contacts a commercial electrician to come out and correct the remaining problems which are usually a bad ballast, bad photo eye, or even a blown fuse. Unfortunately, occasionally a street light may be out longer than usual if Dixie Electric Cooperative accidentally fails to notify the HOA that a bulb did not fix the street light.

Finally, several years ago the HOA replaced all 7 of the incandescent entrance wall lights with LED lights which saves the neighborhood electrical costs every month.



# Towne Lake Homeowners Association Newsletter

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## 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
Sarah Church (Secretary) .....	215-7254
Larry Craven (Treasurer).....	277-1158
Marsha Miller (Grounds & Beautification).....	244-0977
Braxton Bridgers (Grounds & Irrigation) .....	244-0337
Cabott Stough (ARC/Grounds & Irrigation) .....	271-5116
Lee Conner (ARC) .....	315-2290
Tim Hatch (Newsletter) .....	462-4576

*Thank You For Supporting  
Your Volunteer Board  
Members*

*Note to Residents: If your name is not the one listed on the Newsletter address label, please email correct information to [admin@townelakemontgomery.com](mailto:admin@townelakemontgomery.com) 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 an email.*

*We'll See You At The Annual Meeting!!!*