

# Greystone Gazette

APRIL 2010

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

The long, cold winter season has finally ended and spring has brought with it a bounty of beautiful blooms and warmer weather. It is nice to see so many homeowners working in their yards to make our entire community such a beautiful place to live.

The vast majority of our covenant violations have something to do with either mailbox maintenance issues or landscaping issues. Below is helpful information you can use when maintaining your mailbox. If you need additional information, please contact Sheri Callahan at Boothby Realty. Also, the Board has formed a Rules Committee to, among other things; help further define how yards should be maintained to meet the requirements of the covenants. This committee will be reporting its recommendations to the Board soon. We hope this effort will assist homeowners in their compliance efforts.

The Board has also recently received an engineering report on the condition of the pavement in our neighborhoods. The report found that the majority of the pavement should continue to perform reasonably well for another 5 years or so, but did recommend resurfacing 3 specific areas: 1) Milner's Crescent from the north side of the intersection with West Milner Road through the intersection with Crescent Circle to the cul-de-sac; 2) the intersection of Farmhouse Road and Mill Creek Drive; and 3) all of Farmhouse Way from the entrance area to Farmhouse Road. The Board has requested bids from 3 paving companies and will be reviewing these bids at its next meeting. The Board has also retained Carlyle Engineers to assist the Board in reviewing the bids and supervising the work. We will report further information as decisions are made regarding timeframes for completion.

Finally, the Board has worked diligently to address the numerous complaints we received last summer about use of the pool. The Board has adopted new procedures for use of the pool this summer and I urge each of you to review this information elsewhere in the newsletter.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer!

Shannon Price

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Carla with Boothby Realty is at the Farmhouse every Thursday from 10 am – 6 pm.

## NEW FOUR WAY STOP at Farmhouse Road and Farmhouse Way

Please make note that we will be implementing a four way stop at the intersection of Farmhouse Road and Farmhouse Way in order to follow site distance recommendations from the City of Hoover.

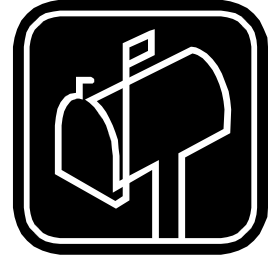
## MAILBOX VENDORS

### Mailbox & Replacement Parts

O.I.W. Inc.  
108 David Green Road  
Birmingham, AL 35244  
205-988-3892

### Number Set Replacement

Art Sign Co  
[www.thebannerbarn.com](http://www.thebannerbarn.com)  
7960 Crestwood Boulevard  
Irondale, AL 35210-2612  
205-951-5555



### Paint Colors to be purchased from Sherwin Williams

The Brae- Greystone Grey  
English Turn- Greystone White  
Guilford- Greystone Black  
Lake's Edge- Greystone Black  
Milner's- Greystone Black  
Mill Creek- Greystone White  
Terrace Hills- Greystone White

## MT. LAUREL LIBRARY

A small public library is now open at 33 Olmsted Street in Mt. Laurel. It is a new branch of the North Shelby Library and brings library services to the Dunnaway Valley area while funds continue to be raised to build a permanent library. Current hours for the new library are Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-6:00pm, Wednesdays 10:00am-3:00pm, and Saturdays 10:00am-2:00pm. Story times will be held every other Wednesday at 10:30am beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>. Summer ready programs for all ages will start in June.

About half the funds needed to construct the new library, which will be located between the Mt. Laurel Grocery and Double Oaks Community Church, have been raised. The Friends of the Library need your help to make this dream a reality. We urge you to join us in the effort to complete the building project with a tax-deductible donation or the purchase of a commemorative brick to be placed in the courtyard or walkway of the new building. Come by the temporary location at 33 Olmsted Street to pick up donation materials or call 981-9772 for more information.

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## **POOL OPENS IN MAY!**

The Greystone Farmhouse pool officially opens on Memorial Day weekend, May 29<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Prior to that event, the pool will be open: the weekends of May 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> & the weekends of May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. The hours will be the same as those of the summer months through Labor Day weekend: September 6<sup>th</sup>; 9am to 8pm each day.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the pool will be open to adults each morning at 7am until 9am for exercising and lap swimming. **There will be no attendant present.**

This year the pool will be directed by an attendant who will be on duty each day from 9am until 8pm. In order to maintain the proper number of participants using the facilities, there will be a sign-in sheet to insure those swimming are accompanied by a Greystone resident. During the week each resident will have the opportunity to have 2 guests with them at the pool. On the weekend there will be only 1 guest per resident due to limited capacity of the pool.

The attendant will verify that all children under the age of 14 will be accompanied by a parent or adult. This is for the child's safety and due to the restrictions of the pool insurance coverage, this is mandatory.

In the past, there have been a large number of complaints in reference to the pool. These issues range from, excessive horse play, the drinking of alcoholic beverages, underage children being left unsupervised, trespassing and vandalism. The Board encourages all residents to take this time to review the rules that are posted on the pool gate and adhere to them. Please, make every effort to become familiar with rules posted at the pool and abide by these guidelines for the safety of all those who use the pool.

Due to trespassing and vandalism, should any homeowner see individuals at the pool after hours the Board encourages them to contact the Hoover Police

If you have suggestion on how we can improve the use of the pool, please convey those insights to the Board or Sheri Callahan at Bootby Realty Inc.

The Board would like to thank you for your cooperation and hopes that everyone has a fantastic summer.

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## **CATS**

Some homeowners are letting their cats out to roam the neighborhood. It is being reported these cats are not only terrorizing cats that kept indoors, but are also spraying and marking their scents on windows and patio furniture. As we all know, this scent is permanent and will ruin furniture. Also, many homeowners have complained about cats sitting under or near their bird feeders.

Pursuant to the Greystone Homeowner's Covenants 6.22, Pets and Animals, found on page 33 of our Covenants, "No pet shall be allowed to be a nuisance. Dogs and CATS shall not be allowed to roam unattended within the development." If you are

rules and regulations that you agreed to when you purchased a dwelling in Greystone Farms. The leash law is also a City of Hoover requirement for cats and allows the Animal Control Department of Hoover to pick up your cat if caught. In addition, a fine could occur if the cat can be identified as belonging to a homeowner.

This is a request for cat owners to keep their cats indoors for compliance of Greystone Farms Covenants and the City of Hoover. This request is also for courtesy to residents in Greystone Farms and the well-being of your cats. Your pets are vulnerable to coyotes, bobcats, owls, hawks and other predators that reside in our neighborhoods. Please be responsible and keep your cats indoors.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

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## **LAKE/TRAIL PROJECTS**

We have a number of projects planned for the lake and trail this year. Many are minor and on-going, such as replacing sod where needed and re-graveling the trail. Some of the major projects include: building a new rock wall behind one of the Lake's Edge bridges to prevent sediment from entering the lake, correct several drainage issues around the lake and rebuild or replace the wood garbage can containers.

Muskrats have caused damage along our lake shore by building dens that eventually collapse and form large holes. We are working with a wildlife management company to capture and relocate these animals.

One project has been completed. The stone steps that provide public access to the lake from Lake's Edge were sinking into the ground, and were constantly wet and muddy. The steps have been re-landscaped to correct the problems.

We expect that our Lake/Trail expenses will be within the approved budget.

So that we can all enjoy the lake and trail, please abide by our covenants and clean up after your pets. Also, please remember that the lake and trail (and swimming pool) are for residents use only. This does not mean that resident's guests cannot use these areas, but they must be accompanied by a homeowner.

Southeastern Pond has provided excellent service taking care of the lake, and Works of Art (Art Vernon) has done a wonderful job caring for the property surrounding the lake and providing the landscaping in the common areas.

Thanks to the Lake Committee members, especially chairman Pete Nicastro, who gives a lot of his time and effort for the improvement of not only the lake and trail, but of our entire neighborhood.

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*Thank you Garden Club for the beautiful flag pole, flag and surrounding area!*

Garden Club Yard of the Month

## **GARBAGE CONTAINERS**

OUR COVENANTS REQUIRE GARBAGE, TRASH AND RECYCLE CANS TO BE STORED OUT OF SIGHT FROM THE STREET EXCEPT ON COLLECTION DAYS. WE ARE NOTICING A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CANS LEFT OUT ON THE CURB AND IN DRIVEWAYS ON NON-COLLECTION DAYS. THIS DETRACTS GREATLY FROM THE BEAUTY AND NEATNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU FIND THAT YOU WILL BE OUT OF TOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS, WHY NOT ASK YOUR NEIGHBORS TO MOVE THE CAN FOR YOU. A CAN LEFT OUT FOR SEVERAL DAYS IS SOMETHING THAT CRIMINALS LOOK FOR AND YOU ARE POSSIBLY DRAWING ATTENTION TO YOUR PROPERTY AS A POSSIBLE TARGET.

WE WILL BE MONITORING THIS SITUATION CLOSELY AND HOMEOWNERS THAT FAIL TO ADHERE TO THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RECEIVE COVENANT RESTRICTION VIOLATION LETTERS. REPEAT OFFENDERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE.

PROPERTY OWNERS THAT RENT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RENTERS AND WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR VIOLATIONS.

MAINTAINING OUR COMMUNITY AND ADHERING TO OUR COVENANTS IS SOMETHING WE ALL AGREED TO WHEN WE MOVED INTO GREYSTONE FARMS AND BENEFITS US ALL.

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## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

Boothby Realty (on-call staff after regular business hours) <a href="http://www.boothbyrealty.com">www.boothbyrealty.com</a> <a href="mailto:scallahan@boothbyrealty.com">scallahan@boothbyrealty.com</a> or <a href="mailto:ispivey@boothbyrealty.com">ispivey@boothbyrealty.com</a>	(205) 879-9500
Shelby County License Office, Inverness <a href="http://www.shelbycountyalabama.com/">www.shelbycountyalabama.com/</a>	(205) 670-6824
Shelby County Property Tax Commissioner	(205) 670-6900
Shelby County Water Services	(205) 670-6540
SouthWest Water Company <a href="http://www.swwc.com/north-shelby/">www.swwc.com/north-shelby/</a>	(205) 987-8352
Alagasco <a href="http://www.alagasco.com/Home-705.html">www.alagasco.com/Home-705.html</a>	(800) 292-4008
Alabama Power <a href="http://www.alabamapower.com/">www.alabamapower.com/</a>	(800) 245-2244
Shelby County Business Revenue Office (sales tax)	(205) 670-6520
Shelby County Sheriff's Office (non-emergency) <a href="http://www.shelbyso.com">www.shelbyso.com</a>	(205) 669-4181
Hoover Police Department (non-emergency) <a href="http://www.hooverpd.com">www.hooverpd.com</a>	(205) 444-7700
Hoover Police Department Animal Control	(205) 444-7760
Hoover Fire Department (non-emergency)	(205) 444-7655
Birmingham News <a href="http://www.al.com/birminghamnews/">www.al.com/birminghamnews/</a>	(205) 325-4444
Shelby County Extension Office <a href="http://www.aces.edu/counties/Shelby/">www.aces.edu/counties/Shelby/</a>	(205) 669-1309
Garbage (special pick-up)	(800) 344-3145

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