

AT HOME IN LEGACY GROVE



Legacy Grove Homeowners Association, Athens, Alabama

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Welcome New Neighbors!

By Legacy Grove HOA Members

A warm welcome to our new neighbors:

Fred Jackson
Michael & Janet Keysteuber
William & Betty Arnsparger
Daniel & Carmen Zielinski
Henry & Christine Gilson
Nicole Coker
Phillip & Lorri Boyette
Michael & Christy Boggs
Ronald & Diane Jackson
Guy Harris
Michael & Maryann Palma
David & Julliana Motes
Arthur & Lucy Quinn

If we have accidentally a name off of this list of new neighbors, we sincerely apologize. We are working on updating our information and HOA directory. Please e-mail us!



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Athens Police Looking For Suspect in a Robbery

Posted in HSV Times

ATHENS, AL- Athens police are looking for a suspect in a Monday night robbery.

Around 9:30p.m. Monday, a black male wearing a black hat, a tan tank top and khaki pants grabbed a purse from a woman in the 400 block of Vine Street.

The suspect ran west on Westmoreland Street. Anyone with additional information can call Athens Police at 256-233-8700.



Social Committee News

By Kelly Hartley

Ladies Night Out has been changed to the 3rd Friday of the month and we will have them every other month.

The next **Ladies Night Out** will be Feb. 19th at 7pm at the Clubhouse. It will be a game night and we would like for everyone to bring a dessert.

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, March 28th from 2pm - 4pm. We will be having cupcakes!!

Ladies Night Out - April 16th

Pool Opening Party - May 23rd at 2pm. We are going to have a potluck with hot dogs and sides. We are also planning to have Field Day type games as well as swimming!!

Ladies Night Out - June 18th

Popsicles by the Pool - July 3rd

Ladies Night Out - August 20th

Grounds Committee News

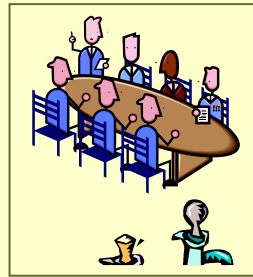
By Cathy Williams

Effective immediately, Cathy will be stepping down as Grounds Chair due to the health of her Mother, who she has asked for us to keep lifted up in prayer. "We've been told that the prognosis is 12-18 months if the chemo is not effective, so please pray for her that it will be effective. She is unable to have the preferred type of chemo due to the weakened state of her heart, so we are starting with plan B and hoping it will work. I would ask that you add her to your church prayer lists (Velma Mitchum)."

Should anyone be interested in chairing the Grounds Committee, please let us know.

Cathy, thank you so much for all of your hard work and leadership with the Committee.

Volunteerism is the heart of the community here at Legacy Grove. Volunteering is not limited to your time, but also your talents and efforts to help Legacy Grove continue to grow and thrive. Thank you to ALL the volunteers in the neighborhood! Your time, talents and efforts are greatly appreciated by all!



Communication Committee News

By Christy Montoya

The Communications Committee will be meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm. We will meet at the Clubhouse. In the event that the time or date should change, notice will be sent to committee members via e-mail.

There are no reports at this time from the Covenants or Finance Committees.

A small message from "John Martin" aka "John the Builder"...

Even though we have already had one good freeze, it is still a good idea to drain your outdoor hoses and faucets or any exposed pipes should be protected from freezing temps to prevent them from bursting.



If you do not know a Track Team Member, e-mail C. Montoya or Coach Ford

2010 Census to Begin

Submitted By Margot Thigpen

WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers.

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

**** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.**

**** Census workers are currently only knocking**

on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS..

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON > GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home.

However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Neighbors in Business~ Networking! (See the last page for more)

Christy Montoya, Stylist
Redken Master Specialist

Christy at Salon Le Jules
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East Limestone High School Track Team Needs Our Support

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Dear East Limestone High Track Supporter:

I am Deshonna Ford the Head Varsity Boys/Girls Track Coach at East Limestone High School. Last spring we used this letter to successfully raise funds for the High School track team. Therefore, we decided to try it again this year. However, we decided to begin our fundraising efforts a little earlier this year.

As you know, meeting the financial demands of a varsity sport is always a challenge. With the increase in fuel prices and just about everything else, it is becoming even tougher. Consequently, our track members are reaching out to friends and relatives who will be supportive of the student/athlete's self-improvement efforts in this very competitive and demanding sport. With the realization that many in this country have tightened their personal budgets, your assistance is essential to the success of our program.

Any donation will be very helpful in meeting the financial necessities of this program, and we ask that you reply as soon as possible so we can meet the upcoming season's needs. All donations are tax deductible. I would like to offer my appreciation in advance for your support of East Limestone Indians Track.

Sincerely,

Deshonna Ford
Varsity Boys/Girls Track Coach
East Limestone High School

Please return this sheet or this bottom portion along with your donation to the track member or you can mail everything to the address listed above.

Track member's name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Donation Amount Enclosed:

_____ \$10, _____ \$15, _____ \$20, _____ \$25, _____ \$50, _____ (other \$ _____)

To Be... Or Not to Be?
By Christy Montoya

"To be, or not to be" was first cited by William Shakespeare in the 1600's. However, this editorial is not about the incomparable writings of Shakespeare, but rather The Alabama Alliance of Concerned Homeowners. While not as notorious as Shakespeare, they are rapidly gaining notoriety here in Northern Alabama as a grassroots organization created to act as a voice for homeowners in communities that are governed by Homeowner Associations (HOAs) with Community Covenants and Restrictions (CCRs).

As quoted in a press release located on the web at: <http://prlog.org/10392476>; "Its goal is to identify issues facing purchasers and homeowners across Alabama and to assist in developing possible Disclosure, Accountability and Protective Solutions to relay to legislators, the Alabama Real Estate Commission, Multiple Listing Services and other professional associations. Their ultimate goal is the enactment of reasonable but effective protection for purchasers and homeowners for the largest investment most of them will make in their lifetime while promoting consumer confidence, trust and property sales."

On the side of Builders and Developers, joining the Alliance now while in the beginning, could possibly be the single most creative step towards building an exclusive HOA Building Dynasty. It has the potential to set them apart from other competing Builders and Developers by leaps and bounds just by adopting Full Disclosure during the contract writing phase of a homeowner's interest in purchasing within one of their communities; which is the goal by our own builders, Darren Sides and John Martin. It shows good faith, commitment to excellence and exceedingly good business practices. By doing a MLS listing with full details pertaining to the HOA, dues and more, the Builders and Developers are ensuring the potential Home Buyer is completely informed during their home purchase transaction. After all, if the Builders and Developers are trustworthy to begin with, what do they have to lose by setting the bar of high standards and practices above that of the competition? One could assume this would be a win/win scenario for the Builder and Developer Community as well as the Home Buyer!

As a home owner in a HOA Community, I believe we are quite fortunate compared to other HOA's in our area. Some of us here could complain about a lot of things we may not agree with or under the process by which some things are done. I don't think that is necessarily a bad thing as it shows a need for us to educate ourselves and become more involved in our community here at Legacy Grove. If we and our Board members agree that there is a need for the Legislation to change and move forward here in Alabama concerning building homes within HOA's , writing enforceable governing documents and show full disclosure in all that we do here, we could be that "Best Place To Live in Northern Alabama" community. Makes sense to me folks.

So, how do we, Legacy Grove HOA members, stand in comparison to other HOA communities in Alabama? I'd say we have room for improvement, but are leaps and bounds ahead of all the rest! Here is a word from our Board of Directors; "Covenant enforcement is monitored by a committee of homeowners and we have no known violations at this time. The HOA funds are monitored by a homeowner based committee which is responsible for writing the checks and generating the budget. A board member signs the checks, which serves as an extra check and balance. The HOA has a \$10,000 line of credit which is secured by pledging future HOA dues that is used to cover short falls in operating income. The clubhouse, pool, tennis courts, and playground were paid for by the developers and no mortgages are owed on those common properties. The fourth point was full disclosure and additional training. We also agree with concept of full disclosure before the sale, we think it adds value to the subdivision and it is always best if people know what they are buying ahead of time. The "how" you make it happen is the hard part - we have tried several things - but we always find room for improvement. We also agree with training."

So, neighbors, do you agree?

Neighbors in Business is a good way for us to keep our money local, network within Legacy Grove, and promote small business in a tough economy. If anyone here at Legacy Grove is in business and would like to have your company's information listed in our Newsletter, just e-mail me at marco-and-christy@att.net

This month there are two neighbors listed, myself and Jeremy Kiefer. I am at Salon Le Jules in Athens. The Salon is located on Kelli Dr which is better known as the road that leads to Cracker Barrel! For more information, visit my website at <http://yourstylistchristy.weebly.com>. Legacy Grove neighbors can expect 20% off their services with me and 10% off their retail purchases. Not only am I a Hair Stylist with 15 years experience but I also offer Acrylic Nail Services. Call me or e-mail me any time to schedule your appointment. I would love to serve you and your family! 256-724-1251 or marco-and-christy@att.net

Jeremy Kiefer will be offering:

I am going to be running a concrete cleaning special for February and March for Legacy Grove members to pressure wash their driveway, front sidewalk, and front walkway all for \$175 (regularly around \$300). I am also going to be making a flyer that I will put out on the mailboxes in a week or so to remind people.

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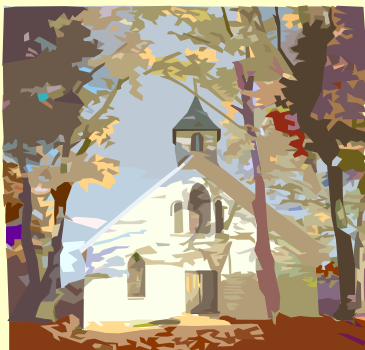
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Call Jeremy soon to schedule your services!

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Lindsey Clemmons at Salon Le Jules is offering a Free Hair Gloss service with a haircut and style for the month of February as well as 30% off your visit for New Clients! To schedule your appointment, call Lindsey at 256-366-7709!



Join us at New Hope Baptist Church, 11310 Mooresville Road.

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday morning service	11:00 a.m.
AWANAS (for youth)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday evening service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday evening service	6:30 p.m.

Elder Caregiver's Support Group meets the 1st Thursday (Feb. 4) of each month in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.

Come be a part of a true church family!
Julie Tyus



Dear Neighbors;

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those wonderful neighbors who have been so helpful and supportive during my tenure as Chairman of the Grounds Committee. As you may know, I had to resign the position at the first of January when my mother was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and began intensive chemo treatments. As her only caregiver, I am too consumed with her care to continue as a committee chair during this time. To those of you who have come to workdays, have volunteered to pick up trash, have pulled weeds and sprayed round-up, donated plants and chemicals, etc. I thank you. I want to specifically thank Darren Jones who continues to maintain the sprinkler system and the lawn mowing & spraying contract. While I will be staying with my mom in Huntsville for the next 6 months of continual treatments, I will be in and out of the neighborhood from time to time and hope to see some of you then.

Please keep my family in your prayers.
Cathy Williams