

Hello Neighbors! Happy Last Days of Summer!



NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

The clubhouse has been actively rented since construction was completed with 14 rentals through June of this year. New signage was installed to clearly identify the clubhouse and a new HVAC system has been installed along with wireless thermostats that can be controlled remotely as well as adjusted by renters, saving on energy costs.

To rent the clubhouse: Reservations can be made [via our website](#). Once you check the calendar for availability and reserve your date, you will be contacted to confirm and answer any questions you may have. It's \$200 and includes access to tables and seating for up to 79 ppl. You don't have to be a homeowner to rent, but a homeowner will need to sponsor the rental and will be the responsible party.

We are in the process of contacting contractors for repair work to address the stones in the pool area that have lost their adhesion to the building. The upper deck will get a pressure wash after it has been repaired during clubhouse construction.

You'll note new signs for the Moore's Mill entrances. We will look to add additional signs for the corresponding sides in 2026. We will also address the landscape currently blocking part of the sign! We have received positive feedback that the neighborhood is now identified entering from Moores Mill Road.

The pool opened in April and has been enjoyed by many residents, especially during this summer heat!



We'd like to remind owners (and their children) that there are cameras monitoring both the clubhouse and pool. We've recently had incidents with furniture being put in the pool as well as being placed by the pool to dive off, children playing with the hose used to fill the pool and some individuals trying to jump the fence. These types of activities can be dangerous to the individuals and destructive to the equipment and can result in the loss of pool access. Therefore, please make sure your children are respectful of the property. The police were called by a neighbor with the fence jumpers so it would be advised to use your fob to access the pool. There is no need to jump the fence. This also helps us identify when damage may occur at the clubhouse, pool amenities or equipment. For security, please refrain from propping the pool gate open or securing it open with a cord or rope..

Access to the pool is via a small blue fob. The fob scanner is to the right of the gate to the pool. Fobs were originally given to all homeowners with access to the pool. We required a waiver form during reconstruction and have continued the process on advisement from our insurance agent. Therefore, only fobs with a signed waiver are enabled. If you have a fob that is not working, check with us to see if we have a waiver on file. The form is available on our [website under downloads](#) and can be completed and emailed to us at: eastlakehoaauburn@gmail.com. All fobs are programmed specifically to each lot/homeowner with pool privileges. **Replacement cost for the fob is \$30.00.** If you sell your home, please pass on the fob to the new owners. For those of you who had keys to the pool, they no longer work and are not needed for access to the bathrooms.

Please put any trash from the pool in the containers that have BAGS and not directly in the green city cans as we are having an insect problem in these cans from loose items. The cans around the pool have bags in them and prevent the insect problem in the green cans. Thank you for your consideration!

The pool and the outside patio are not reserved exclusively when clubhouse rental

occurs. The patio is a "first come first served" use. Please be respectful of the property and return it to the condition you found it including closing umbrellas when you leave, picking up your things and throwing garbage away, and putting back any chairs that you have moved. We all love having a pool available and want to keep it looking nice for us and for our neighbors.

Please DO NOT prop open the gate or tie it back. It is not good for the gate mechanism and defeats the purpose of securing access to the pool. Recently, the door was tied open and no one was there! We also ask you close umbrellas and return equipment to it's original spot when you leave for the day.



Bag your landscape debris: We have had a number of landscapers dumping grass clippings off the edge of the parking lot at the clubhouse and in some cases, on other private property. Please make sure your landscapers know they need to either remove clippings and take with them or place them on the owners property for pick up by the city on our regular trash day. There is no reason to use common areas or another property owners' property for dumping yard waste. The city will pick it up!

We love when you want to refresh the exterior of your home, **but please remember to submit a request for any changes or additions you plan to make to your property** anything visible from the road needs to be approved: adding bushes or flowers, painting your house, updating shutters, removing a tree, etc. You can submit changes to our eastlakehoaauburn@gmail.com using the ARC form and changes are approved quickly if in line with our neighborhood covenants and aesthetic guidelines. The form is under "documents" [on our website](#). The ARC is quite prompt in responding to requests.

The ARC reminds owners that our covenants ask that you keep your garage doors closed when not actively entering/exiting or using for home/yard projects. It keeps our neighborhood looking nice!

The amount of rain we've been having has all our grass growing at a fast speed. Please be sure to keep it mowed.



It wouldn't be a neighborhood newsletter, without talking about dog poo.

We continue to have complaints of dog owners allowing their pets to defecate on resident properties without removing the feces. Worse still, some bag the feces but leave the bag in various places in the neighborhood, often on the curb as well as throwing it through the fence on Alex Avenue, which is also private property. This is against our covenants and generally, irresponsible and inconsiderate.

We are taking steps to monitor these occurrences and when the pet owner is identified, fines will be imposed. Please make sure you clean up your pet's waste and taking it home with you to dispose of, not in neighbors or the Pool trash cans. Make sure your dog walkers, including your teen aged children, are informed. "Natural areas" in the neighborhood belong to specific home owners and are NOT a place to dispose of waste. Please be considerate to your neighbors.

Also, this is a reminder that **your dog is required to be on a leash in East Lake and in Auburn City.**



REMINDER

Just a reminder that the lakes in our subdivision are owned by the homes who surround the lake and as such, subject to their use. **No one should be fishing in the lakes without a homeowner's specific permission.**

Additionally, the area under the power lines are also owned by the homes that back up to them and are private property. We've had four wheel vehicles trespassing on these properties. Please respect your neighbors properties!

East Lake HOA is self managed and due to this and the work of previous boards, we have been able to build our reserves while also investing in the neighborhood and its assets.

Our financials are now maintained by a CPA firm although board members actually sign any checks. Checks and balances are in place and we have excellent statements each month from our CPA firm. We are investing our reserves and current cash flows to maximize our holding. Our finance chair gives us a DRAFT of the prior month's financials but what is published to the homeowners comes from the CPA firm we engage. They run about a month out with financials. For example, in early September, homeowners will receive July's financial statements as soon as we receive them from the CPA firm.



Food Bank Collection

East Lake participates in the Food Project of East Alabama. Our community has averaged over 700 pounds of food collected and donated every other month to this much deserving organization. If you are a participant, thank you for helping to eradicate food insecurity in our community. If you would like to become a participant, email Lauren Cuthbertson at laurencuth@gmail.com to be put on the list.

The next collection is scheduled for **October 11, 2025**. Lauren is always looking for volunteers to help pick up bags on collection day so let her know if you'd like to help!



East Lake Ladies Lunch is held the last Thursday of most months at 11:30 at Moore's Mill Club unless there is a schedule conflict. Please let Sarah Walls (706) 414-8838 or Patsy Cotney (334) 863-0425 know if you plan on attending and check the ELHOA Facebook page for updates. The next luncheon is on September 25, 2025 at 11:30 a.m..



Child Safety

A number of residents have had close encounters with neighborhood children on scooters, skate boards or on bikes. Please remind your children of the safety measures they should be taking as they are in the neighborhood. These close calls are scary and none of us want an incident involving a child. Neighbors, please drive slowly and we aware of children on their vehicles!

PARKING ON THE STREET

While the neighborhood strongly suggests NOT parking on the street, the rules for doing so are governed by the city of Auburn. Please be mindful and considerate of your neighbors by attempting to have vehicles in your driveway if at all possible. It can be a safety concern especially when near a street corner.



BOARD of DIRECTORS

The new board of directors elected in February are Kevin Clark, Zach Bumpus, Olivia Hardy and Lynne Peer. Maggie Passi is committee head for clubhouse rentals. Dan Hatcher will oversee the ARC until a committee chair can be identified. Our treasurer will be leaving the board as of December 31. Please let Kevin know if you'd be willing to step into this role. A knowledge of Quickbooks would be helpful. The board could use some additional help so please let any board member know if you are willing to serve whether it be this year or next, just email us at: eastlakehoaauburn@gmail.com **The next board meeting is September 17 at 4 pm at the clubhouse. Any and all owners are welcome to attend.**

East Lake HOA Board Members 2025

Kevin Clark, President, Landscaping and Pool

Zach Bumpus - Vice President - Finance

Olivia Hardy - Secretary, Communication & Clubhouse

Lynne Peer, Vice President, Social Events

ARC Committee

Dan Hatcher
Joey Smitherman
David Payne
Cindy Hudon

Clubhouse Rental Committee

Maggi Passi

Committee for Property transfers, Newsletters and Social media

Cindy Hudon, Olivia Hardy