

East Lake HOA Newsletter

July 2024

Hello Neighbors!

The ELHOA board met on June 24, 2024 and minutes and financial statements have been distributed. Board meetings are being held at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce until we have access to the clubhouse again. Our next board meeting is July 24, 2024 at 4 p.m.



Clubhouse News

The clubhouse has been supported after the accident and we are diligently working with engineers and contractors to return it to use. As you can image, this is a complex process and not a week goes by without action by your board. We have five commercial contractors who will bid the construction. Please remember to respect the fencing and do not attempt to enter the fenced in area.



In an effort to improve communication within East Lake, the HOA has been using Mailchimp, an automated email program, as a primary source to dispense newsletters, Board meeting dates, Financial Statements and other pertinent neighborhood information. This program allows us to maintain and monitor emails for current residents, deleting and adding when a property has been sold. It also generates activity reports including number of opens, receipt success and unsubscribed email addresses. Please contact us through email at eastlakehoaauburn@gmail.com to update or add an alternative email to the contact list.

In addition, please continue to email us at eastlakehoaauburn@gmail.com with any

questions or concerns that you may have. All board members have access and monitor this email address and you should receive a prompt response from one of us.



Last summer we transitioned to a FOB system entry to the pool. All FOBs were programmed specifically to each lot/homeowner with pool privileges. All fobs were deactivated after the accident and are re-activated once a waiver form is received. We have a little over 100 residents who have submitted their waivers. We are doing our best to reactivate fobs within 24 hours of receipt of waivers. Remember, if you have adult guests with you, please have them complete a waiver form before using the pool. We will be changing out the locks on the pool bathrooms so they no longer require a key in the coming days.



Landscaping

We have received many compliments on the appearance of our Front and side entrances and wanted to thank Carolyn Gholston and Rob Stowers for purchasing and installing the flowers. Also thanks to Sharon Windham for planting the back entrance flowers.

Dumping: 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 have had a number of 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, the fines will be imposed. Please make sure you are cleaning up your pet's waste and taking it home with you to dispose of. 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.



Finances

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.



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 August 10th, 2024. 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 26.



Child Safety

With the summer here, many of our children are about the neighborhood on their scooters, skate boards or on bikes. Please remind your children of the safety measures they should be taking as they are in the neighborhood. We've had

several close calls with children moving about the neighborhood without being aware of vehicles. Neighbors, please drive slowly and be aware of children on their vehicles!



Marley traffic Study

Per resident request, we have contacted the city and asked for an assessment of the traffic on Marley Lane to determine if we need additional speed control devices. We are "on the list" for the Fall and will notify residents once we are sure of the dates for the traffic study.



Jackie Hartman has been asked by the board to review our covenants to identify items that are outdated or need to be changed. If you have any suggestions along these lines, please forward them to the ELHOA email eastlakehoaauburn@gmail.com and we will pass them on to her. It will require a vote by 2/3 of owners to pass any and all changes. This is long overdue and we appreciate Jackie spearheading this project. We anticipate voting to take place for each item individually and occurring in the Fall.



In 2023, we had 17 property transfers in East Lake. Since January, we have three new neighbors. Please welcome the Goodwin family on Marie Loop, the Haralson family on Alex and the Barnes family on Marley Lane!

East Lake HOA Board Members 2024