

Community First

Cotswolds & Oaks Bimonthly Newsletter

APRIL 2021

Greetings from Your HOA President: Lindsey Smith

Dear Residents,

The entire HOA Board is excited to be offering some new services for our residents this year, most of them led by Deborah Hall, our Events Committee Chair. Hopefully, most of you had the opportunity to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt last month. We had a huge turnout and I personally loved seeing and meeting so many of our neighbors.

Beyond events, Deborah has also started a program to welcome new residents to the neighborhood which includes visiting the new resident and leaving a gift bag with special items and information on the cities of Auburn/Opelika for those that are new to the area. If you are not sure about serving on the board, but want to help out for an event or welcoming neighbors, Deborah would welcome your help and company!

Some other things the Board has been working on includes maintenance all around our HOA property, led by John Delmore. The projects he's tackled already include new landscaping at the Snowhill pool, discovering & fixing leaks at both pools, as well as helping save money on utilities across our HOA property.

We are excited that warmer weather is coming, and so is the opening of our two neighborhood pools! You'll notice new furniture at Banbury pool this year. Please help us take care of it so that residents can enjoy it for years to come.

Get to Know Your Council Member: Kelley Griswold

Kelley Griswold serves as council member for Ward 2. He is an Auburn graduate and retired U.S. Army colonel having been commissioned upon his graduation in 1977. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College for national security and strategic leadership, the Department of Defense Executive Program Management Course and holds a master's degree in business management.



After retiring from the Army, Griswold worked as the Deputy Director for Operations at the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center and later as the Vice President of Sigmatech, Inc. supporting Army programs.

He and his wife, Sherri, have lived in Auburn full-time since 2012. He is one of the initial members of the grassroots group "Keep Auburn Lovely," which formed in 2015 in response to student-housing projects being developed downtown.

To contact Kelley call (256) 975-8183 or email: kgriswold@auburnalabama.org

Save the Date! Neighborhood & Local Events Calendar

Sat. April 10th: Neighborhood Work Day
8:30 am - 12 noon

Sat., April 10th: Auburn Drive Thru Crawfish Boil
11:30 am - 1:00pm | Dean Road Elementary School
More info: www.learning-tree.org/event

Fri., April 16th: Neighborhood Pools Open

Fri, April 16th: Monkey Park AFTER DARK Movie Date Night
8:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | Movie: Crazy Rich Asians | Opelika, AL

Sat., April 17th: Neighborhood Yard Sale
8:00 am - 12 noon

Sat., April 17th: Auburn Football A-Day 2021
More info: auburntigers.com

Sat., April 17th: Spring Old 280 Boogie Musical Festival
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m | Standard Deluxe, Waverly, AL
More info: aotourism.com

Sat., April 24th: Auburn Cityfest
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Kiesel Park, 520 Chadwick Lane

Sat., May 1st: Garden In the Park Family Event
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Opelika Municipal Park (Monkey Park)

Tues., May 4th: William Buechner Memorial Golf Tournament
8:00 a.m. | AU Club, 1650 Yarbrough Farms Blvd.
To register: auburnfirefightersassociation@gmail.com

Thurs., May 6th: Spring Sundown Concert Series
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Keisel Park, 520 Chadwick Lane

Thurs., May 20th: HOA Bimonthly Meeting
6:30 p.m. | Banbury Pool

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Sat. May 29th: City Market @ Town Creek Park
8:00 am - 11:00 am | 1150 S. College Street



Beautiful picture off Salford Street
Photo taken by Jessica Richards on 6.25.2018

Get to know your HOA/ACC Board Members



Lindsey Smith - 2023
President
(Pictured with her husband & two sons)

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

My husband, Dudley, and I moved to the Oaks in April 2019 with our two sons, Lincoln (8) and Tucker (3), to be closer to family. We love attending Auburn sporting events, golfing, and spending time with our boys. Outside of engineering/construction day jobs, my husband and I have owned an Etsy business since 2011. We specialize in window cornices.

What do you like most about living in Auburn?

We love being nearby our friends & family, Auburn City Schools, lots of opportunities for kids sports & activities & of course Auburn sports!

Favorite vacation spot?

We love to try new places, but our favorite so far was a 10-day trip to Ireland where we toured the Northern half of the island staying at a different bed & breakfast each night & golfed 6 different courses.

Fun Fact:

My husband & I met working construction in Orlando. I was on the construction team that built Epcots' Soarin' ride & my husband was on the team that built Animal Kingdom's Expedition Everest.

Get Ready For Fun and Sun: Pool Opening

The Cotswolds & Oaks HOA is happy to announce that the Banbury and Snowhill pools will open for Spring/Summer on Friday, April 16th. For the Banbury pool, we have ordered new tables, chairs, loungers, and umbrellas that we hope you will enjoy and take care of. As the pools open, we just wanted to remind you of the pool rules and regulations that are put in place for your safety and maintenance of the areas:

POOL RULES

- NO lifeguard on duty - Swim at your own risk.
- Pool closes at 9:00 pm Sunday - Thursday. Pool closes at 10:00 pm Friday & Saturday
- Pool use is restricted ONLY to Cotswolds & Oaks Home Owners Association members in good standing and invited guests. Limit guests to 4 per household
- Children 12 years or age or younger may NOT use the pool unless supervised by an adult (18 years of age or older.)
- NO diving.
- NO running, pushing, foul language, general roughhousing or unbecoming behavior will be tolerated. Please keep conduct in a manner promoting a family environment.
- NO food or drink within 4 feet or in the pool. NO glass containers of any kind is permitted.
- ALL alcoholic beverages MUST be placed in a plastic or steel cup.
- NO open flame or grilling inside the gated area or on the deck.
- NO leaning or climbing the fence.
- NO smoking or other tobacco products on the premises.
- NO loud music. Personal music devices only.
- NO animals, skateboards, roller blades, bicycles or scooters allowed inside the fence or on the deck.
- Appropriate swim attire ONLY - no cutoffs or thong swimsuits.
- ALL babies or children not potty trained MUST wear swim diapers.
- Please clean up after yourself. Place all trash in the receptacles provided.
- Parking is reserved for Cotswolds and Oaks resident pools ONLY.

Failure to observe ANY pool rules may result in suspension, loss of pool privileges, or fines. Report any incidents or unsafe conditions to the

Got Something You Would Like to Share?

We love knowing more about our neighbors, local business, or just seeing fun neighborhood pictures. If you would like to contribute to our Bimonthly Newsletter please send information or pictures to Jennifer Delmore at jenniferj@auburn.edu



School Bus Laws: When to stop and when not to!

It is estimated that over 50,000 motorists illegally pass buses every single day. In October 2019, we learned of 9-year-old girl and her twin 6-year-old brothers being struck and killed by a pickup truck as they crossed the road to board a school bus. The driver was arrested and charged with three counts of homicide and one misdemeanor count of passing a school bus when arm signal device is extended.



The State of Alabama school bus law **forbids** drivers from passing a stopped school or church bus on **any** road. The only exception would be drivers traveling on a divided highway of at least four lanes, provided the driver is on the opposite side of the thoroughfare from the stopped bus. The law also establishes a uniform penalty statewide for motorists who illegally pass stopped buses:

1st Offense	fine: \$150 to \$300		
2nd Offense	fine: \$300 to \$500	License suspended: 30 days	100 hours community service
3rd Offense	fine: \$500 to \$1,000	License suspended: 90 days	200 hours community service
4th Offense	fine: \$1,000 to \$3,000	License suspended: 1 year	prosecuted as a Class C felony

Kona Ice Brings Happiness in a Cup

Celebrating 10 years, Kona Ice has been serving the Auburn/Opelika area cool treats with their unique, premium, tropical shaved ice products. The Kona Ice delivery truck screams fun and excitement as soon as you spot it. And even better, Kona Ice serves our community by giving back a portion of their profits through fundraising events for area schools, churches, organizations or sporting events.

Owners and fellow neighbors, Steven and Beth Register began their small business in March 2011. Beth shares, "We weighed so many options when starting Kona Ice. We knew we wanted to open our own business when Steven got out of playing baseball professionally, but we didn't know what kind of business. We started researching and came across Kona Ice and absolutely fell in love with the brand."

At the beginning of the COVID pandemic, Steven & Beth switched gears with Kona Ice by providing neighborhood drive-by's for families to enjoy some yummy Kona Ice while stuck at home. They also participated in our neighborhood's 1st annual Easter Egg Hunt.

"We've been in business for 10 years and I can honestly say it was the best decision (and leap of faith) that we've ever made," says Beth. "We truly love what we've created with Kona Ice and we love how much we've been able to help schools, non-profit organizations, little leagues, and many more. We love being able to give back to the communities we love so dearly."



THANK YOU to the Register Family for your continued support for our community and neighborhood.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS: 20th Annual Auburn Cityfest

April welcomes a plethora of events in Auburn and areas such as Auburn University's A-Day game, Spring Old 280 Boogie in Waverly, and Bo Bikes Bama. Another special family-friendly event is Cityfest, Auburn's largest free outdoor festival.

Hosting its 20th anniversary, Auburn Cityfest is a spring tradition with live music, arts and crafts, fine arts vendors, children's activities, food, and more. Headlining entertainment for this year's event includes the Bama Air Dogs, Lew-E the clown, and one man dare-devil comedy act Todd Key. Musical guests include 8 Track Rewind and Auburn Community Orchestra. There will also be special guest appearances by Aubie the Tiger and the Southeastern Raptor Center.

Auburn Cityfest is a free event for the whole family and will be held on Saturday, April 24th at Kiesel Park (520 Chadwick Lane, Auburn, AL) from 9 am until 4 pm - RAIN or SHINE. For more information visit www.auburncityfest.com



Meet Your Neighbors: The Fetsch Family

The Fetsch family moved to their home in the Cotswolds in June 2010, when there were only about 10 houses in the neighborhood. They have 3 grown children. Their oldest son, Joe, graduated from Notre Dame. He currently lives in Seattle and is a coder at Amazon. Their second son, Mike, is a student at Auburn University majoring in microbial biology. Their daughter, Karen, is a student at the University of Alabama majoring in chemistry and biology. She loves animals and owns her own horse. They also have a dog named Bear.

Joe and Valerie are originally from New York State. They met in northern New York at Clarkson University where both majored in Electrical and Computer Engineering and were in Air Force ROTC. After graduation, they both went into the Air Force stationed on opposite coasts, and got married. Joe was an air traffic controller and Valerie bought nuclear missiles. After 5 years of service, Valerie retired to be a full-time mom. They moved all over the world with Joe's last assignment being Auburn, Alabama when he was assigned to be the Commander of the AFROTC at Auburn University. After 25 years of service, they decided to retire in Auburn. Joe then enrolled at Auburn and joined the marching band. Over the next 5 years, he earned 4 degrees, played trumpet and taught part-time. Currently, Joe is a full-time lecturer in the College of Business.



From left to right: Valerie, Karen, Joe, Mike, & Joe

What is your favorite thing about Auburn? Our favorite thing is the weather, the lack of traffic (especially compared to Washington DC) and the friendly people.

What is your favorite thing about the neighborhood? It's a great place for walking. Bear and I walk everywhere and we have most likely walked where your house is as they cleared the land. Joe's favorite thing is our house — he helped design it and did a great job!

What is your favorite dining spot? Niffers

Fun Fact? Places we have lived in chronological order: New York, Mississippi, North Carolina, California, Oklahoma, Japan, Colorado, Italy, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma (again), Virginia (just outside DC), and Alabama (again.)

If you would like to nominate a family for the newsletter, please send your nomination to Jennifer Delmore at jenniferj@auburn.edu. Please be sure to include the family's name, address, and email and anything else you would like to include.

Out and About: 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt



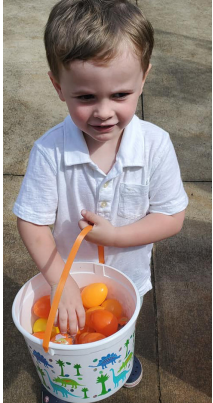
4 & Under Golden Egg Winner: Charli Smith



5 - 9 yrs old Golden Egg Winner: Wesley Price



10 & Older Golden Egg Winner: Wyatt Young



Happy Easter from Cotswolds & Oaks HOA