

Community First

Cotswolds & Oaks Bimonthly Newsletter

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Greetings from Your HOA



The HOA Board is looking for volunteers for 2023. If you have a passion for working with others to continue to make the Cotswolds/Oaks neighborhood a great place to live, then please consider joining our board.

It is very important that we have a full and diverse board for a number of reasons. One very important reason is that a full board provides better representation of the entire neighborhood and its various interests. This helps to hold all board members accountable to one another and to the neighborhood. It is also less likely that sections and/or demographics of the neighborhood feel under-represented.

A second reason is that we need a broad range of talents, skills, knowledge, and wisdom to help solve neighborhood challenges. During the course of the year, we'll have drainage, city ordinance, conflict resolution, nearby development, covenant, pool, budget and many other types of issues. We need people that are willing to work together to solve these challenges for the health of our neighborhood and to maintain our property values.

Third, a full volunteer board helps keep HOA fees as low as possible. We need board members (and neighbors) who can occasionally lead projects, handle problems, and recruit other volunteers to keep our neighborhood great. We can save thousands of dollars each year with just a few volunteer hours.

A board member typically serves for 3 years. You can expect to spend 1-3 hours per month on board business. You control your volunteer commitment beyond that. Many of our discussions and decisions are handled by text or email. Please consider serving your neighborhood and your neighbors to help keep our neighborhood the best place to live in Auburn. If interested, please send a short biography to info@cotswoldshoa.org.

Save the Date! Neighborhood & Local Events Calendar

Friday, Feb. 3rd: Food Truck Friday

5 pm - 12 am | Downtown Opelika

Saturday, Feb. 4th: Sound Wall Presents Hiroya Tsukamoto

7:30 pm | The Sound Wall, 605 Ave. B, Opelika

Thursday, Feb. 9th: Young at Heart Dance

5 pm - 9 pm | Opelika Sportsplex

For ages 55+

Thursday, Feb. 9th: Author Talk - Edith Powell

4 pm | Auburn Public Library, 749 E. Thach Ave.

Friday, Feb. 10th & 11th: Mother/Son Blue Jean Ball

6 pm - 8 pm | Covington Recreational Center

213 Carver Avenue, Opelika

www.aotourism.com/Event

Thurs., Feb. 16th: Momix: Alice

7:30 pm | Gogue Performing Arts Center

Friday, Feb. 10th: Sundilla Presents Ray Bonneville

7:30 pm | 450 E. Thach Avenue, Auburn

Advance tickets \$20 | At the door \$25

Friday, Feb. 10th & 11th Daddy Daughter Date Night

6:30 pm - 9 pm | Auburn Junior High Fieldhouse Gym

405 S. Dean Rd. | www.auburnalabama.org/daddy-daughter-date-night

Tuesday, Feb. 14th: Collegiate Hotel Bee Mine Valentine Night Honey & Libation Tasting

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm | 205 South Gay St.

Saturday, Feb. 18th: Mardi Gras Parade

3:00 pm | Downtown Auburn

Saturday, Feb. 18th: Colors for Children's 5K (Color Fun Run)

4 pm | Auburn High School

Reg: <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Auburn/ColorsforChildrens>

Thursday, Feb. 23rd: Reading by Hank Lazer (author of Pieces)

4:00 pm | Pebble Hill, 101 Debardeleben St., Auburn

Friday, Feb. 24th: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra

7:30 pm | Gogue Performing Arts Center

Sunday, Feb. 26th: Katherine McPhee & David Foster

7:30 pm | Gogue Performing Arts Center

Sunday, Feb. 26th: War Eagle Run Fest

7:00 am | Toomer's Corner, Downtown Auburn

Half-Marathon, 5K, Kids Mile | www.wareaglerunfest.com

Tues., Feb. 28th: Hairspray the Musical

7:30 pm | Gogue Performing Arts Center

Business Showcase: B&T Detailing

At the age of 18, neighbor Braden Ball, knows hard-work. As a young entrepreneur, Braden and his friend, TJ, recently established B&T Detailing - a car detailing company that tailors to the needs of each client he serves to provide the best experience possible.

"I've always liked cars and the satisfaction of having them cleaned is really what sparked my interest in starting my own car-detailing business," shares Braden. "My friend, TJ, and I currently run the business which makes it exponentially better because I have the privilege of detailing cars with someone and that just makes it better."

Braden and his family moved to Auburn 3 years ago from Oxford, Mississippi. He attends Auburn High School and is on the Varsity Track and Cross Country team.

When asked what's next after high school, Braden responds, "I really have two plans that could happen. One, I would go to college and work on a degree in physical therapy. Two, I go down the entrepreneur route and make my car detailing "business" official, but that would be only if my business really takes off.

Braden and TJ have created a special offer just for Cotswolds/Oaks neighbors. When calling to book an appointment, just mention you heard about his business either on neighborhood facebook page or in this newsletter and receive 25% off your 1st detailing job. For more information you can check out B&T Detailing on Instagram @_b_t_detailing or on their Facebook page.

B&T DETAILING

Standard Cleaning

- Wash and Rinse
- Window Cleaning
- Vacuum Interior

\$50 for small Car
\$75 for medium car
\$100 for large car



Gold Standard

- Wash and Rinse w/ soapy wax
- Window cleaning
- Interior Vacuuming
- Carpet Cleaning
- Seat Cleaning

\$100 for small car
\$125 for medium car
\$150 for large car

Premium Standard

- Wash and Rinse w/ soapy wax
 - Window Cleaning
 - Interior Vacuuming
 - Carpet Cleaning
 - Seat Cleaning
 - Stain Removal
 - Steam Clean Carpets and Seats
 - Full Chasis Wax and Buff
- (Message for prices)

"Braden detailed my car and it looks awesome! He did a fantastic job. Highly recommend." - Mari Wilkes

Loachapoka's Pioneer Park Hosts "Second Saturdays"

Looking for something fun, educational, and entertaining for your family on the weekends?

On the second Saturday of every month beginning on February 11th, a group of history re-enactors will gather at the Lee County Historical Society Museum in period attire to demonstrate their arts and crafts. Blacksmiths are working at the forge, spinners and weavers are in the textile room, the gardeners are in the gardens, crafts and seasonal activities are scheduled, and someone is always cooking up a meal in the fireplace and outdoors.

In addition to all the activities going on, you can also enjoy music from the Whistle Stop Pickers — a collective group of musical talents playing old-time music with a traditional old-time instrument called the mountain dulcimer.

The event is free and activities are different each month and are available from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm at the museum. Come join the fun, eat lunch, learn a new craft, pick a song, listen to the music. The museum is always open on second Saturdays and is located at 6500 Stage Road, Loachapoka, Alabama.

The Trade Center Museum at Pioneer Park is the oldest commercial building in Lee County. The circa 1830 Barnhad-Newell house was built by a Creek Indian who fought with Andrew Jackson at the nearby Battle of Horseshoe Bend. It also includes a Museum store with locally produced jam, jellies and Pioneer Day sugarcane syrup.



FEBRUARY IS LOVE - SPREAD THE LOVE - BE AN ORGAN DONOR

Observed every year on February 14th, National Donor Day is an observance dedicated to spreading awareness and education about organ, eye and tissue donation. By educating and sharing the Donate Life message, we can each take small steps every day to help save and heal more lives, and honor the donor's legacy of generosity and compassion. National Donor Day is a time to focus on all types of donation—organ, eye, tissue, blood, platelets and marrow. Join us by participating in local events, sharing social media messages and encouraging others to register as donors. National Donor Day is also a day to recognize those who have given and received the gift of life through organ, eye and tissue donation, are currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant, and those who died waiting because an organ was not donated in time.

THE NEED

More than 100,000 men, women, and children are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants. To give you an idea of how many that is, even the largest football stadium in the US could not fit the number of patients on the national transplant waiting list. Every 10 minutes another person is added to the national transplant waiting list and over 7,000 deaths occur every year in the US because organs are not donated in time. The good news is since 2020, more than 18,300 donors brought new life to recipients and their families. Over 860,000 transplants taken place since 1988. By just one person's donation, up to 8 lives could be saved.

TYPES OF ORGAN DONATIONS

By becoming an organ, eye and tissue donor, you can give hope and life to patients awaiting transplant. Every day, people are able to get back to their daily life activities alongside family and friends because of the selfless decision of another to give the gift of life through organ, eye and tissue donation. There are four different types of organ donations. These include:

- **Living Donation** - This is one type of organ donation that offers another choice for transplant candidates. Relatives, loved ones, friends and anonymous strangers can serve as a living donor all while getting the opportunity to see the outcome of their selfless gift. The best part? Kidney and liver transplant candidates that receive a living donor transplant can often receive the best quality organ much sooner, in many cases in less than a year. Living donation also serves a great need considering more than 85% of patients waiting are in need of a kidney and 11% are in need of a liver. Plus, a living donation is often the result of generosity from a complete stranger since, on average, one in four living donors are not biologically related to the recipient.

- **Deceased Donation** - Passing on the gift of life and being someone's hero is as easy as registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor. By adding your name to the organ donor registry, you're consenting to give life to others through deceased donation. Deceased organ, eye or tissue donation is the process where an organ, eye or tissue is transplanted to another person at the time of the donor's death. The opportunity to donate organs via deceased donation is actually quite rare. Only about 2 percent of Americans die in circumstances that allow for organ donation. Usually, a person has died from a fatal brain injury, often caused from massive trauma resulting in bleeding, swelling or lack of oxygen to the brain. Only after every effort has been made to save the patient's life and brain death has been declared does organ donation become an option. Through the incredible generosity of one donor, up to eight lives can be saved by donating organs after death.

- **Tissue Donation** - This is a common way to pass on the gift of life. Donating tissue such as skin, bone, and heart valves can help heal and improve the quality of life for recipients. Cornea donation helps provide the gift of sight to up to two recipients. One donor can heal 75 lives through tissue donation including burn victims, breast reconstruction surgery, athletes with torn ligaments or tendons, military personnel who have been injured in combat, and by repairing musculoskeletal structures such as teeth, skin, and the spine. Vascularized Composite Allografts (VCA) involves the transplantation of multiple structures. Hand and face transplants are one of the most common types of VCA. More than one million tissue transplantation procedures are performed in the United States each year, returning vital function and identity to people suffering from a devastating injury or illness.

- **Pediatric Donation** - This is considered one of the four types of organ, eye and tissue donation because of the complexities involving children. With pediatric donation, organ size is critical to long-term success. Children often respond better to child-sized organs, which is why this type of donation differs slightly from other organ donations. There are currently 2,000 children under the age of 18 waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and nearly 25% of them are under five years old.

Each type of organ, eye and tissue donation brings hope for the thousands of people awaiting transplants. Every nine minutes another person is added to the waiting list. By registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, you could potentially pass on a lifesaving gift to someone in need. While you may never see the impact of this personal decision first-hand, it's a legacy that will be seen and felt by your friends, family, community and even perfect strangers. As an organ, eye and tissue donor, you can leave a legacy of love and healing.



KNOW YOUR COVENANTS: ACC BOARD

The ACC (Architectural Control Committee) is a group of volunteers within the neighborhood whose sole intent is to impose a uniform appearance with the Cotswolds/Oaks neighborhood. The ACC have the authority to approve or disapprove building and landscape plans which include:

- the aesthetic impact of design, construction, and development.
- the architectural style and design.
- colors, textures, materials.
- height, bulk, proportions.
- landscaping, fencing, swimming pools or other structures
- overall impact on surrounding property

The ACC is comprised of no less than three (3) but no more than five (5) neighborhood volunteers. Its mission is to preserve the architectural and aesthetic appearance and the natural setting and beauty, to establish and preserve a harmonious design, and to protect and promote the value of properties of the neighborhood. Home owners who are planning on improvements, additions, alterations, relocations or replacements of anything on the outside of their home, must submit those plans to the ACC for approval. Submission for approval includes:

- Two (2) copies of an accurately drawn and dimensioned site development plan indicating the location of any and all improvements, including, specifically, the Dwelling to be constructed on said lot, location off all driveways, walkways, decks, terraces, patios, and outbuildings and the relationship of the same to any set-back requirements applicable to the lot or dwelling.
- Two (2) copies of a foundation plan, floor plans, and exterior elevation drawings of the front, back, and sides of the dwelling to be constructed on lot.
- Two (2) copies of written specifications and if requested by the ACC samples indicating the nature, color, type, shape, height, and location of all exterior materials to be used in the construction of the dwelling on lot or any other improvements which include type and color of all brick, stone, stucco, roofing and other materials to be utilized on the exterior of a dwelling and the color of paint or stain to be used on all doors, shutters, trim work, eaves, and cornices on the exterior.
- Two (2) copies of the lighting plan, including specifications for any exterior lighting to be utilized with respect to lot or dwelling.
- Two (2) copies of a landscaping plan prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.06 of Covenants
- Such other plans, specifications, or other information or documentation as may be required by ACC



In the event the ACC fails to approve in writing any submitted plans or specifications within fifteen (15) days after such plans and specifications have been submitted, then the plans and specifications so submitted will be deemed to have been approved.

If you are planning for upgrades, color changes, landscaping, ect. make sure you get it approved by ACC BEFORE you begin your project. ACC request form can be found on website under forms.