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Wynlakes has been the elite neighborhood in Montgomery for more than 20 years. We have always proven nothing less than superior quality. Now after 2 decades, it is time for a facelift. The Wynlakes Homeowners' Association is pleased to announce progress towards keeping Wynlakes the most desired neighborhood of Montgomery. After an exhaustive interview and selection process, we are delighted with the commission of SITE Solutions, an award-winning firm from Atlanta, to help us with our enhancement plans. Beginning with the front entrance, our goal is to create a more cohesive look and feel, which will boost the unity and appearance for all entrances and open-space areas.

SITE Solutions worked with the Wynlakes Golf & Country Club to revitalize its pool area to offer a zero -entry wading area, an 18-foot water slide, and a hot spa with a waterfall. They also worked with the club to design a beautiful courtyard adjacent to its new 27,000 sq. ft. ballroom. The new courtyard features bluestone paving throughout, a swan fountain, large trellis, and balustrade allowing for golf course vistas. SITE Solutions works nationally in redevelopment of older properties to maximize their current value. This is a long-term investment, which will be implemented in phases. These improvements will not only beautify our neighborhood, they will increase the value of our properties and the entire community.

Currently, we are in the process of formulating an overall master plan. This should enable us to replace the worn-out trees and shrubs with plants more adaptable to Wynlakes' soil conditions. We will keep you informed throughout the design and construction process with drawings and comments to be posted on our website. Presentations will be made to the Board and Neighborhood Representatives. Please help us welcome the SITE Solutions design team!

~ Janine Schoudel





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Wynlakes Women's Club

An enthusiastic group from the Wynlakes Women's Club attended the Opelika Performing Arts Center on February 6th to see "The Producers" and enjoyed dinner at Jimmy's prior to the performance.

Upcoming events include the Spring Fling at the Wynlakes Golf & Country Club on April 11th from 6:00 PM —10:00 PM and the off-site luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa on May 1st. Members of the Women's Club are encouraged to attend these exciting events.



April

Al Luna ~ 3

Becky Lindsey ~ 5

Lee Anne Miller ~ 7

Mike Harris ~ 15

Merrily Burgos ~ 21

Kim Boatfield ~ 24

Grant Harris ~ 26

Birthdays!

May

Eric Cheek ~ 5

Wayne Sandlin ~ 19

Isabella Capouya ~ 20

Rob Sandlin ~ 23

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June

Steve Linder ~ 7

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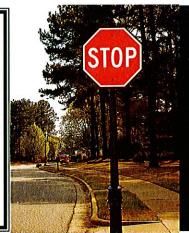
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Birthday!

To submit a birthday or special occasion—send an email to wynlakeshoa@yahoo.com

Mowing: Spring time is here, & along with the lovely warm weather comes the lawn mower. Please do your part to keep Wynlakes looking its best & have your lawn service remove the bags of grass, not leave them on the curb. **Vacant lot owners** remember to keep them mowed. If it is not cut by the 1st & 15th of each month, the HOA will have it cut and send a bill.



On January 31, city stop signs were installed at Pinecrest and Timbermill Dr. as a deterrent to speeding. The petition was signed by Pinecrest & Timbermill residents. On February 8, the decorative stop signs were installed.

REMINDERS:

- * All trash containers must be placed in walled-in areas or land-scaped areas so they are not visible from any adjoining property.
- * No bird baths, frog ponds, flag poles, lawn sculptures, artificial plants, birdhouses, rock gardens or similar types of accessories and lawn furnishings are permitted on any homesite without prior approval of the DRB.
- * All play equipment shall be located where it will have a minimum visual impact to adjacent properties.
- * All exterior work on a house or site must be approved <u>before</u> work begins. Contact our office for the appropriate form.
- * It is a law that you must have your dog on a leash, and as a sign of good citizenship, clean up after your pet.



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The guidelines for curbside pickup:

Items should be placed on the <u>CURB</u> – not on the street. Curbside pickup is <u>Wednesday</u>. Place items at curbside no earlier than necessary before scheduled pickup day.

Contractor dumpster:

Please be aware when you dump trash in a contractor's dumpster, it costs the contractor to have it emptied.



Please be courteous to your neighbors.

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The View From Dixie

In 1975, *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines' covers carried the headlines "2.7% Drop in Temperature Since 1940." Scientists were predicting an ice age. One of the proposed solutions at the time was to capture coal dust and spread it over the North and South Poles to warm up the ice caps.

How times have changed! As we are all aware, one of the hottest topics around today is "Global Warming." At a recent conference sponsored by Power South (the supplier of power to Dixie Electric Cooperative), Dr. John Christy, Professor of Atmospheric Science at UAB, Huntsville and the State of Alabama climatologist, reported that the global temperature is up only .7% over the last 100 years. According to Dr. Christy, "consensus of opinion is not science." Dr. Christy also reported that the Arctic was actually warmer 2000 years ago than it is today. Since 1893, the average temperature in Alabama has actually shown a slight decrease. Dr. Christy says that the rate of climate change is not at the rate being considered for political action.

At this same conference, Glen English, CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) related that recent surveys have indicated that the general public is willing to absorb a 10% increase in electric bills to deal with climate change. In reality, if legislation currently being considered by Congress passes, your electric bill would increase by 200% to 300%.

Much has been said about renewable energy sources, namely wind and solar. According to the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), renewable energy sources (wind and solar) currently make up 2% of the total electric power generated in the U.S.

If mandated renewable legislation is passed, Alabama has a very limited capacity to meet any required mandates. This is due to an inconsistent wind source and not enough direct sunlight. If fines and penalties are imposed, they will have to be passed on to consumers. The truth is that wind and solar energy cannot be increased to supply the energy needs of the U.S. now or in the future.

Dixie Electric Cooperative, your member-owned supplier of electricity, is a distribution facility and does not generate electricity. Dixie Electric Cooperative purchases all of its electricity from Power South Electric Cooperative (formerly Alabama Electric Cooperative), a member-owned generation facility. According to Gary Smith, President and CEO of Power South, there are 40 million tons of CO2 emissions annually by Power South. Legislation currently being considered by Congress proposes to impose a carbon tax on emissions. At \$10 per ton, Power South would have to pay \$400 million. At \$50 per ton, the tax would be \$2 billion. Power South members serve 800,000 members. Any carbon tax would have to be passed on. You can do the math.

Citizens of Alabama and the U.S. need to be aware of what the political climate may bring forth with respect to the global climate.

John Livings

Your Trustee Representative

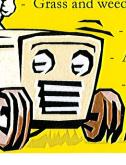
Board of Trustees Dixie Electric Coop

The Wynlakes HOA Covenants Committee considers the community standards of a "well-maintained" yard to be:

- Routinely mowed (once per week in the heavy growing season);
 - Sidewalks and driveways routinely edged;
 - Grass and weeds in cracks in the sidewalks and driveways removed or killed by herbicide;
 - Shrubbery neatly trimmed;
 - Any part of the driveway visible from the street free from clutter;
 - Dead grass and shrubbery removed and/or replaced.

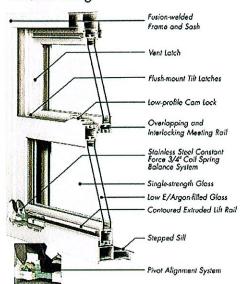
Be a good neighbor -- maintain your yard, while preserving your and all Wynlakes homeowners' property value.

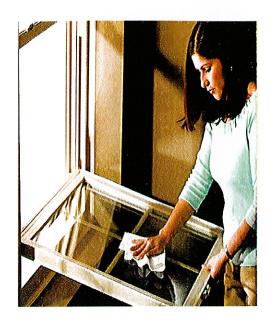




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Crape Myrtle Pruning

We often use crape myrtles in the landscape because they bloom all summer long. We also value them for their natural form. It is as tough as it is beautiful.

The practice of chopping off the tops of crape myrtles has become very commonplace. Many people believe that it is required to promote flowering; some prune because the plant is too large for the space provided; others see their neighbors doing it and feel they need to follow suit. There are some instances in which heavy pruning is necessary, but light pruning is usually all that is needed. The type

and amount of pruning depends on the desired shape and size of the plant.

Crape myrtle can be a low-maintenance plant, and the best way to ensure this is to choose the cultivar that best suits your landscape needs before planting. There are many new cultivars in different sizes and colors.

If careful consideration is given to the projected size of the mature plant, a selection can be found that will not outgrow its boundaries and can be allowed to display its graceful beauty with minimal pruning. Crape myrtle does not require heavy pruning to promote bloom. Flowers are produced on new growth. It will produce flowers without any pruning, although it will produce larger flowers and bloom more profusely if at least lightly pruned. Pruning in late winter or early spring will stimulate vigorous new growth in the spring. Encourage a second bloom in summer by pruning flowers immediately after they fade.

This plant prefers hot, sunny climates and will grow to tree-size proportions. It is important that tree types are sited where they have a large area to spread. When given an ideal location, these tree types should be allowed to develop their natural style without whacking off their tops.

To develop a tree shape, remove all limbs growing from ground level except the three to five strongest limbs. As the tree matures, remove lower, lateral branches ("limbing up") one-third to halfway up the height of the plant. Remove branches that are crossing or rubbing against each other and shoots growing into the center of the canopy. Make your cuts to a side branch or close to the trunk.. Head back wayward and unbranched limbs. As it grows taller, remove lower branches as needed. Remove any future growth from the ground to retain the desired tree shape. This basal sprouting may occur whether the tree is being pruned or not. Pull these out when succulent instead of pruning them.

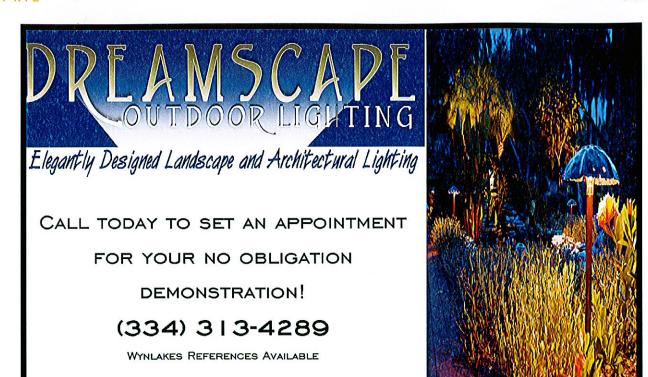
You may feel the need to improve the appearance by removing the seed heads in late winter or early spring before growth begins. This is recommended only if they are within reach. Once this becomes a tall, mature plant, allow nature to take its course—the seeds will drop, the plant will bloom, and the natural grace of the plant has been retained.

Consider all your options when confronted with a large, old crape myrtle in a space meant for a different shaped tree or shrub. To create clearance under the canopy, limb up old trees that have spread their lower limbs where they interfere with people or cars. Limb up above the roofline of a single story home to clear obstruction of a window or door. Eliminate one of the major trunks if it is leaning too close to a building. Only as a last result should you top a beautiful, old specimen to squeeze it into a confined space.

To keep a crape myrtle at a manageable height, prune moderately by removing all twiggy growth back to lower growing side branches. This will give the plant a more uniform appearance.

Excerpted from the South Carolina Master Gardener Training Manual, EC 678.





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