

# April 2023

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**Spring Has Sprung:** See page 4 for a reminder of the community-wide standard definition of a "well- maintained" yard. **Fishing Protocol:** Fishing is restricted to Wynlakes residents with an annual fishing permit issued by the HOA office. See page 7 to learn more.

#### FROM THE HOA BOARD PRESIDENT

Fellow Residents of Wynlakes,

The Spring of 2023 is now with us with its renewal and optimism.We, as Wynlakes Homeowners, faced all the challenges this past winter provided, including near-unprecedented cold weather. Unfortunately, this cold snap also damaged plants that were only tolerant of a more moderate climate. The winter kill-off is also true of the HOA common areas where some bushes and trees are most vulnerable. We will know the full impact of this damage once we get further into the growing season. This weather killed off much of our annual winter beds, which look sad. They will be replaced in the next couple of weeks when the replacement plants become available from local growers.

The HOA board has used this opportunity to create a landscape committee to take a fresh look at the overall design and "look" of our current landscaping. Much of the original structure has deteriorated and is dated. The committee will work with our new landscape company on the design and choice of plantings. The common areas set the tone for a premiere neighborhood, and it significantly impacts all our home values, so the impression it creates must be fresh and appropriate.

As you no doubt know, on January 1st, the Homeowners Association moved away from reliance on the Wynlakes Country Club for landscaping and accounting services. These changes have been relatively seamless, and we are pleased with the results. There has been no loss of services, and the results, so far, have been good. As with any change, it required some adjustments, but hopefully, they have not been noticeable.

With the beginning of the warm weather comes other issues, however. One is gathering young folks in common areas into the late evening, particularly on weekends. We are not immune in Wynlakes to this city-wide problem. Where they have gathered in the Wynlakes common areas, trash has been left behind with fast-food containers, bottles, and cans requiring clean-up. I would ask if you do have teenage children to know where they are gathering and have them understand the impact of what they may do. If you have a problem in your neighborhood, please call security at 334-279-8358.

Also, with warm weather comes the inevitability of under-aged children driving golf carts on the Wynlakes public streets. Aside from this being illegal, it is also unbelievably dangerous, particularly on roads like Wynlakes Boulevard, which is hazardous even for full-sized automobiles. Inevitably, there will be an accident, and the golf carts and their occupants have no protection, and thus severe injury will surely result. An 800 lb. golf cart has no chance against a 3200 lb. auto. Please do not allow your underage children to drive on public roads. It is just not worth the risk.

More positively, this year is off to a great start, and with welcome early warm weather, we look forward to a healthy and prosperous year.

Dave Folsom President, Wynlakes Homeowners' Association

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The next round of dues invoices will be mailed in June. Please be aware that the mailing address has changed. All checks, to include bank issued, must be mailed to the HOA office at 8650 Minnie Brown Road Suite 114, Montgomery, AL 36117.

- Please ensure that checks mailed to the office are sent in time to arrive before the penalty (\$30 late fee) is added on the first day of August 2023
- All checks must have the following information included:
  - invoice number
  - account number
  - property address or owner's name
- Wynlakes Golf and Country Club will not accept any checks for HOA dues.

For more information contact the Wynlakes HOA office at 334-215-4452.



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#### SPRING YARD MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

As Spring approaches, we would like to remind you of what the Covenants Committee considers the community-wide standards of a "well- maintained" yard:

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

Our Landscape and Maintenance personnel would like to remind everyone to please refrain from blowing grass and debris from yards into the streets, common areas, and storm drains. If necessary, please inform your lawn company service that this is not acceptable. Also, please do not put debris for Wednesday pickup on any of our common areas.

The Sanitation Department appreciates and encourages residents to containerize all debris (including leaves) left at the curb for faster service and overall neighborhood cleanliness.



#### Trash Can Check:

Please remember that our Covenants state that trash cans should be stored where they are not visible from any adjoining property.

#### Holiday Sanitation Pickup Reminder:

As Memorial Day, Juneteenth and the Fourth of July holidays are coming, please remember that debris will NOT be picked up those weeks and refrain from putting it out at the curb.

#### TIPS FROM THE GROUNDS GUYS

**Turf Tips** – As we head into the Spring Season, you will want to be on the lookout for those pesky ant piles! In addition, broadleaf weeds thrive in cooler nights and warmer days. An early summer fertilizer application can address this, and it is suggested to put down an application starting in April. To reach your property's fullest potential, be sure that your irrigation system is functioning properly. Please consult your local professional for your next turf application.

**Irrigation start-ups** – You should begin regular irrigation soon, due to outside rising temperatures. Be sure to use caution when priming your system for the first time at the start of the season. Be on the lookout for irrigation heads that are not functioning properly, or where leaks are obvious. Always consult a professional to have your irrigation system properly examined and / or repaired if needed.

**Pruning** – Now is the time for pruning tree and shrubs. Crape Myrtles seem to be the topic of discussion in a lot of neighborhoods. You hear the term "Crape Murder" and it seems to be a common practice through the last several years. When is the right time to Prune? If you do choose to prune your Crape Myrtles, the pruning should take place now. Pruning should only be done to shape the tree, not to control plant height. Pruning is also not necessary for blooming to return.

#### **2023 SUMMER SANITATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**

May 29 ~ Memorial Day (Monday) Tuesday/Friday routes worked Wednesday and Friday No scheduled debris collection

June 19 ~ Juneteenth (Monday) Tuesday/Friday routes worked Wednesday and Friday No scheduled debris collection

#### July 4 ~ Independence Day (Tuesday) Tuesday/Friday routes worked Wednesday and Friday No scheduled debris collection



#### **Considering Changing the Exterior Color of Your Home?**

Residents desiring to paint any area of the exterior of their home a different color or painting over a brick material can get assistance with a color selection by reviewing samples available at the HOA office. Similar hues from other paint/coating manufacturers may be acceptable. Upon initial approval, the Modifications Committee will now require a paint sample on an exterior wall of the house with a minimum size of 4 ft x 4 ft for final review prior to residents proceeding with the work. Sample sizes of paint are available for purchase at most major retailers. Residents wishing to paint trim, shutters, and exterior doors (to include garage doors) will also be required to paint a sample area for final review by the committee as well. Please allow the committee 7-10 days to formally review the paint sample once applied.

#### **DSI Security Tip Corner**

Home security worries do not stop at the front door. When our neighbors are victims of crime or report suspicious activity, we worry about our neighborhood too. The good news is that most of us are proactive about tackling these worries. Teaming up with neighbors is one of America's top home security measures. When you work together and communicate, it's easy to make your neighborhood a safer place. Here are some tips to get started.

- <u>Get to know everyone</u>: Reaching out to your neighbors builds trust and makes teaming up on safety and crime prevention easier.
- <u>Use digital tools</u>: If you don't have a neighborhood Facebook group already, set one up. It makes connecting with neighbors easy, sharing information about suspicious activity and local crime, and keeping everyone in the loop.
- <u>Keep an eye out</u>: Be vigilant in your neighborhood and know whom to contact if you notice suspicious activity.

# Pate by: Kim Bullard

Our community is fortunate to have many lakes within it for our enjoyment. However, please keep in mind that no swimming or boating is allowed. Fishing is permitted if your property abuts a lake but <u>trespassing to fish on private property is not permitted</u>. Residents living on a lake, along with their guests who must accompany them, may fish from their property's shoreline. The <u>only</u> area where fishing access is permitted to all residents of Wynlakes is in the common area along Longneedle Drive (close to the 5th green on the big lake).

Fishing is restricted to Wynlakes residents with an annual fishing permit issued by the HOA office. Fishing from any of our lake dams is prohibited as it is dangerous and a liability. If you see violators, please contact Security at 279-8358 immediately.

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#### **NEWS BITES**

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD REP MEETING**

The next meeting for the Neighborhood Representatives will be held May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Church.

#### VACATION HOME CHECKS

Going on Vacation? Complete a "Vacations Home Check" form, which may be downloaded from wynlakeshoa.com or picked up at the Vaughn Road Security Guard house. Completed forms may be submitted to the HOA office (by email or scan) or dropped off at the Vaughn Road Security Guard House.

#### WYNLAKES WOMEN'S CLUB

April 4th and May 2nd at 10AM at Wynlakes Country Club. The Wynlakes Women's Club is open to all residents and lot owners in Wynlakes Subdivision. For reservations, please contact Cindy Cornette at 473-486-4883.

#### SCHEDULE A BULK SANITATION PICK UP

Please call 311. The pick up will be on the designated date and charges range from a minimum of \$25 to \$150 per truck load.

### CONSIDERING AN EXTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT?

Please remember to submit an Application for Site Improvements to the HOA office for review by the Modifications Committee *prior to starting work*. Forms may be downloaded from www.wynlakeshoa.com or picked up at the HOA office.

#### HOA OFFICE CLOSED

The HOA office will be closed May 29, June 19 and July 3-7. If you need assistance during these days, please send the office an email at wynlakeshoa@wynlakeshoa.com.