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## FROM THE HOA BOARD PRESIDENT

Fellow Residents of Wynlakes,

After a Winter of wet and woolly weather, we have finally made it to Spring with all the promise of that season. I want to make you aware of many of the initiatives and discussions that have gone on in our community recently.

The HOA purposely relies more on advice and counsel from specialized committees focusing on significant needs and problems that any community may face. These committees are made up of HOA board members, Neighborhood Representatives, and residents. This is to have the HOA reflect a wide range of knowledge and experience. There are other committees, but I am focusing on two in this message to give you a window into what they are trying to accomplish.

The first is the Landscape Committee. Although we have a contract with a company to maintain the landscaping, we believe it should reflect its residents' taste and creativity. Additionally, most of the landscaping of the entrances, Wynlakes Boulevard divider, and various common areas throughout the community were designed and installed well over 30 years ago. It reflected that period's taste but also meant many of the perennial plantings were equally old and beyond their serviceable lifespan.

An example of this problem is seen at the rear entrance with the Wax Myrtles that line both sides of Pinecrest/ Minnie Brown Road. We had them cut back last fall because they looked very ragged. However, because of their age, it was clear they had become too "leggy" (more wood than foliage) and frankly beyond redemption. The Landscape Committee has taken on the responsibility to determine what would be a more modern landscape design and provide the screening required with a solution that will be easier to maintain.

Similarly, we have a new Security Committee. This committee is charged with identifying problems associated with our community's security needs and, more to the point, finding solutions. Their initial focus is looking at our current security system and contractor to see how we can better use this very expensive resource. Also, they will consider other security-related problems that we all have experienced associated with speeding and the reduction in security-related issues we all experience throughout the day. **Read more on page 2.**

**More from the HOA Board President...**

Speaking of safety and security, I would point out a concern we have all experienced throughout the day that we can all do something about. Specifically, I refer to walkers and joggers using Wynlakes' over 20 miles of streets for exercise. Some simple tips can be used to increase safety to prevent what likely would be a tragedy should someone be struck while jogging. According to the government, 122,000 joggers are hit by vehicles every year. One can assume many of these end in severe injury or death. Triathlete.com gives this advice:

- Remember: "Bike with, run against (traffic)."  
*All organized running groups always suggest (jogging) against the traffic flow. Although this may be counterintuitive, in lower lighting conditions, the runner appears in the vehicle's headlights early, making the driver aware sooner of the jogger's presence.*
- Stick to sidewalks (when you can)  
*This is good advice, but folks seemingly prefer running on the road for many reasons.*
- Be safety-wise  
*Use roads with less traffic when possible and wear light-colored clothing with reflective surfaces.*
- Position wisely on blind curves and hills  
*For obvious reasons, cutting corners or crossing sides on a curve leads to potential disaster.*
- Use the crosswalk when available  
*a self-evident piece of advice.*
- See and be seen  
*Wear small lights and always use light-colored and/or reflective clothing.*
- Run single file  
*This is a problem for seemingly obvious reasons. Distracted drivers exist, and running abreast provides a bigger and more likely target.*
- Use all your senses  
*Automobiles now make very little noise. This is particularly true of hybrid and electric-powered vehicles. Wearing noise-cancelling headphones is not recommended.*
- Take care when jogging in the dark  
*Many folks like jogging before dawn in the summer before it becomes too hot. However, folks driving then can be distracted and not fully awake. So please be safe.*

Lastly, if you have a gathering at your home, which many of us do, please suggest to your guests to observe courtesy if they park on the street to please not block neighbor's driveways, letterboxes, and, of course, fire hydrants.

We all hope you have a great Spring season. We want everyone to be safe and have pride in our community.

Dave Folsom  
President, Wynlakes Homeowners' Association



## Reminder: Dues Payments

As 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 2024. All checks must have the following information included: invoice number, account number, and the address of property or the owner's name. REMINDER: Wynlakes Golf and Country Club will not accept any checks for HOA dues. Payments will be returned to sender. If you would like to sign up for ACH payments, please contact the HOA Office at 334-215-4452.



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## Community Lake & Fishing Protocol



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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 trespassing to fish on private property is not permitted. Residents living on a lake, along with their guests (who the homeowner must accompany), may fish from their property's shoreline. The only 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.

## 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 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. Debris should only be placed curbside on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup, in accordance with **Resolution 18**.



### **Trash Can Check:**

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

### **Reminder:**

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

## 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.

### 2024 SUMMER SANITATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day - CLOSED

Tuesday/Friday routes worked Wednesday and Friday  
No scheduled debris collection

Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth - CLOSED

No Change in schedule  
No scheduled debris collection

Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day - CLOSED

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.

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## NEWS BITES

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### NEIGHBORHOOD REP MEETING

Please plan on joining us on May 21, for the next scheduled Neighborhood Rep Meeting at St. James Church at 6 PM.

### GOING ON VACATION?

Please complete a "Vacations Home Check" form, which may be downloaded from [www.wynlakeshoa.com](http://www.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.

### SCHEDULE A BULK SANITATION PICK UP

Please call 334-241-2751. 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](http://www.wynlakeshoa.com) or picked up at the HOA office.

### HOLIDAY SANITATION PICK-UP 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.

### HOA OFFICE CLOSED

The HOA office will be closed May 27th and July 4th & 5th. You may email us or leave a message on the phone during holiday closures.