



Caldwell Crossings Home Owners Association

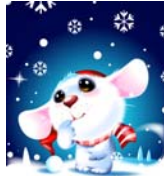
News You Can Use

Holiday Greetings



The Holiday season is in full bloom and we want to wish all our neighbors the happiest of times. Neighbors will look

forward to the colorful decorations that many of you will place on your homes. The lights always brighten up our neighborhood (safety tips on page4)



Board of Directors Takes Action

The Board of Directors met with two members of the City of Hoover Engineering Department on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009.

We looked at the storm drain at the rear of Lot 2-155 on Crossings Court because of concern about a possible sink hole. The City of Hoover Engineer pointed out that all four sides of the storm drain are supposed to be open for water runoff. Apparently when this yard was landscaped dirt/grass covered two sides of the storm drain and therefore the water is simply trying to go where it was designed to go. Opening the covered sides will eliminate the problem. They saw no evidence that a sink hole was

forming.

We next looked at the drainage ditch behind the even numbered homes on Crossings Lane. The city engineer told us that the city has the responsibility to open the drainage ditch if it should get stopped up for some reason but, that being said, as long as water is flowing they don't care what it looks like. The homeowner has the right to add/remove trees, flowers etc if they so desire but not if it will stop the flow of water. The Caldwell Crossings Owners Association has the same responsibility for the drainage ditches on the Common Areas as the homeowners have for those ditches on their property.

Our third stop was on Crossings Ridge at Lots 3-346 and 3-347 where we again looked at a drainage ditch. Again we were told that there was no evidence of a flooding problem being created by the ditch being stopped therefore the City really was satisfied with what was observed. In fact they said that the area behind Lot 3-346, though overgrown, was really in "text book" condition for a water control situation.

Our final stop was on Crossings Cove to see if we can get that street

paved. The city engineer said that determination is made by the Building Inspector that is assigned the Sanctuary project and he will speak to them and see if he can get us a target date. No word as yet on the date.

Clean Up! It's part of the job.



A neighbor on Crossings Drive reported that upon returning home one day they discovered that someone's pet had left a deposit in the driveway. Homeowners are reminded to clean up after their dogs., and if they see someone not cleaning up after their dogs let them know in as nice away as possible that the dog doo should be cleaned up

On Saturday, October 26 residents of Crossings Lane and Crossings Place and their guests gathered at the home of Ann Rowell for a fall party. Mike Smith provided hot dogs and all of the trimmings, and everyone brought their favorite potluck dish.

The Planning Committee of Mike Smith, Cindy Taylor, Paul Bowen, Steve DiChiara, and Ann Rowell did a great job and everyone agreed that the occasion should be repeated in the future.

Ladies Monthly Luncheon Each month the ladies of Caldwell Crossings met to

celebrate friendships and community In October they met at the Spiced Pear Tea room



Halloween For the third year in a row the residents on Crossings Place gather at Mike and Faith Smith's house to welcome all the trick or treaters to our street.



Please Lock your Cars



From: Theresa A. Tkacik

My next door neighbor at 4040 Crossings Lane had their car broken into Monday night/Tuesday morning. I understand there were several other vehicle breaks that same night. There are people out there who want what you have. Protect your property. Garage your cars whenever possible. At the very least LOCK THE CAR!



HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE (and our seniors too)

The Caldwell Crossings speed limit is 25 mph

STOP Sign means STOP.

At the recent membership meeting there was a great deal of concern expressed that too many people, residents and guests alike, were ignoring the speed limit and stop signs in our community. It is our plea that everyone obey these traffic rules. Please talk to everyone living with you and visiting you about eliminating this problem.

House Keeping: Lynne Gordon 205-427-5156

Landscape/Yard Maintenance: Ricky Cannon 937-9695.

J&M ome Services - Inside and Outside - House Cleaning, Lawn Service, Small Repairs. Call 205-370-7273

Painters . Kenny Boilek 238-9704.

Cherokee Hills Painting Company (contact is Ben Zito office 991-2639, cell 586-4670).



Random Access Memory (RAM) provides space for your computer to read and write data to be accessed by the CPU (central processing unit). When people refer to a computer's memory, they usually mean its RAM. Don't confuse RAM with Hard Drive space.

If you add more RAM to your computer, you reduce the number of times your CPU must read data from your hard disk. This usually allows your computer to work considerably faster, as RAM is many times faster than a hard disk.

RAM is volatile, so data stored in RAM stays there only as long as your computer is running. As soon as you turn the computer off, the data stored in RAM disappears.

When you turn your computer on again, your computer's boot firmware (called BIOS on a PC) uses instructions stored semi-permanently in ROM chips to read your operating system and related files from the disk and load them back into RAM.

SDR, DDR, DDR2, and DDR3 RAM

Several types of RAM are used in modern computers. Before 2002, most computers used single data rate (SDR) RAM. Most computers made since then use either double data rate (DDR), DDR2, or DDR3 RAM. DDR2 is able to achieve faster transfer rates to prevent limitation of your CPU's performance, and DDR3 technology takes these advancements even further.

Note that these RAM technologies are not interchangeable. One type of RAM will not function if installed with another type, and physical differences in the RAM modules prevent them from even being inserted in the same computer.

Computing With A *Personal* Touch 205-937-3472



Here are a few simple ways you can ensure that your outdoor Christmas lighting is as safe as possible.

Avoid using the larger seven-volt light bulbs. Sure, they are bigger and brighter, but they also burn much hotter than mini [Christmas lights](#). One of the most common causes of holiday-time house fires results from these bulbs being too close to gutters filled with dried out leaves.

- Make sure that the strings of lights you are using outside have built-in fuses on the lines. Sometimes, these fuses are located in the actual plug.
- Make sure to use Christmas lights that are designated for outdoor use only. If you use indoor-rated lights, they may not be able to withstand the weather conditions which will cause them to break down much faster.
- You should only use Christmas lights and electric equipment that has been tested and verified by a reliable testing laboratory. Two reputable laboratories are UL and ETL. Any equipment or lights that have been tested safe will have one of their logos on the packaging. If it doesn't have it, don't use it!
- If you have a string of lights with a blown bulb, be sure to replace it with a bulb of the exact same wattage.
- Never tap into your home's feeder line to power your outdoor Christmas lights or hang decorations on the line.
- Avoid using nails, tacks or metal staples to secure your outdoor Christmas lights. Use insulated hooks instead, and be sure your lights are strung tightly to avoid damage from the wind.
- Use only outdoor rated extension cords. Plus, avoid connecting more than three strings of lights to a single extension cord.
- All plugs should be plugged into a GFCI protected outlet when used outside.
- When it comes time to take your Christmas decorations and lights, never remove the strings of lights by pulling on the wires. This causes the wires to break free from the sockets and the bulbs to break.

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