



Caldwell Crossings Home Owners Association



News You Can Use

It recently came to the attention of the Board of Directors that many of our homeowners have not seen the amendments to the Covenants and Restrictions that were duly recorded in December, 2004. These amendments are here for all to see and are listed by the section of the Covenants that they amend and clarify. All residents should have been given a copy of the Covenants when they purchased their home but some never knew of the following amendments. If anyone is in need of the full copy of the Covenants please notify Brittany Newell McKay Management Corporation
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6.7c amendment: "Edging around natural areas may be flush with the ground and not visible from the street or should not be more than six inches (6") above ground made of brick, brick pavers, stacked stone, or geo-stone and should be a color similar to the brick color. No concrete, rep-rap, metal, plastic, wood, or similar materials are acceptable. Metal or plastic edging may be permitted provided it is flush with the ground and not visible from the street. No

pre-cast or poured curbing is permitted. All proposed edging should be submitted to the ARC for review and approval. Up to four flower containers of subtle and subdued colors and of a suitable size, not to take the place of foundation plants and placed on the front porch are allowed subject to ARC approval. No plastic flower containers allowed. Flower containers should contain healthy flowers and be free of weeds or other plant material. No plastic flowers or shrubbery allowed. When not in use, hoses should be stored neatly on a hose reel or in a hose box."

6.9 amendment: "Driveway and walkway (not sidewalk) lighting is allowed according to the following criteria: (i) Fixtures should be of tiered or mushroom design, with deflectors so the bulb cannot be seen. (ii) Fixtures should be either green or black. (iii) Fixtures should not exceed 12 inches (12") in height from the ground. (iv) All lights should be white and low voltage, eleven watts (11W) or less. (v)

Fixtures should be placed no closer than 6 ft. (6') apart. (vi) No lights should be installed along natural areas in front of homes. (vii) Submit lighting plans to the ARC for review and approval.

6.12 amendment: "All fences should be made of pressure treated pine, not to exceed six feet (6') in height. Wood fences must be of a shadow box design. Wood fences may be stained a subtle and subdued color approved by the ARC. Fences along the side of homes should not come closer to the front wall than one-third (1/3) of the depth of the house. On corner lots fences should not come closer to the street than 5 feet from the side of the house. All proposed fencing should be submitted to the ARC for review and approval."**6.16 amendment:** "Satellite dishes must be placed in the

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most inconspicuous location (i.e. behind or towards the rear of the home) as seen from the street but where a clear signal can be received. Satellite dishes are not to be mounted on the ground. All dishes should be gray or a subtle or subdued color."

6.18 Amendment: "Small appropriately sized benches may be allowed only on covered front porches upon approval of the ARC. All other benches should be located in the rear yard not visible from the street."

6.22 amendment : "One small security sign, no larger than one square foot (1 sq. ft.) mounted on a stake no higher than 36 inches(36") and located adjacent to the front of the home in the foundation bed is allowed. Use of bright or garish colors is not allowed."

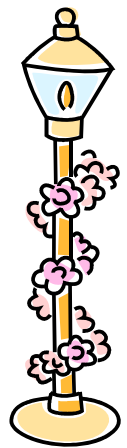
7.1 (c) amendment: "No colored or gravel mulch is allowed. All mulch should be natural colored bark or pine straw."

STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE

At the annual meeting of the Caldwell Crossings Owners Association in September, the Board of Directors was asked by a vast majority of those present to set as a goal, with high priority, the enhancement of the street lighting in our neighborhood. The general opinion of the members in attendance is that we need more lighting on our streets.

The Board agreed to pursue this goal and has met with Alabama Power and asked them to prepare a plan and cost estimate to improve the street lighting in Caldwell Crossings. While we do not yet have the response from AL Power we believe it will include upgrading some or all of the existing lights and adding new lights in some areas. The addition of new lights will require some digging, etc. so we hope the homeowners affected will cooperate with the effort so that everyone can benefit.

In the meeting the Board shared with the AL Power representative that some homeowners will object to having more light that could shine in their windows. The Board was told that there are several options to deal with that condition. We will keep you informed.



Welcome to our newest neighbors:

- Jack and Helen Stevens onto Crossings Lane
- Patrick and Amanda Patronas onto Crossings Way
- Bob and Ruth Stone onto Crossings Lane
- Kathy Beth onto Crossings Lane



Computer Corner

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

Offering in house one on one instruction on the use of software, installation and trouble shooting, home networking, Steve Goldman CWAPT@att.net

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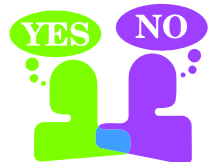
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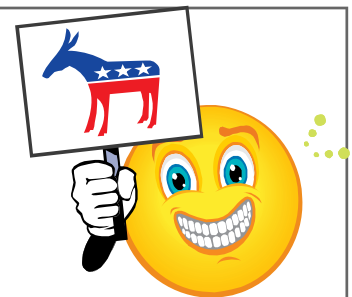
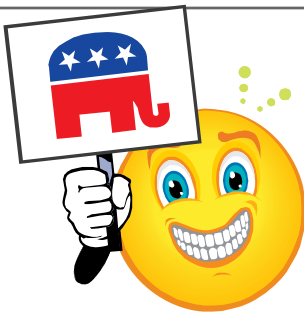
our Webpage: caldwellcrossings.org



Don't forget to vote.

Encourage your neighbors to do the same.

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On Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States.

Every Spring we move our clocks one hour ahead and "lose" an hour during the night and each Fall we move our clocks back one hour and "gain" an extra hour. But Daylight Saving Time (**and not Daylight Savings Time with an "s"**) wasn't just created to confuse our schedules.



The phrase "Spring forward, Fall back" helps people remember how Daylight Saving Time affects their clocks. At 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March, we set our clocks forward one hour ahead of Standard Time ("Spring forward"). We "Fall back" at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November by setting our clock back one hour and thus returning to Standard Time.

In case you missed this in the paper:

Monday, October 25, 2010, 7:34 AM Ginny MacDonald -- The Birmingham News

The second hearing is on a project to get the Caldwell crawl moving during afternoon rush hours along Camp Horner/Caldwell Mill roads to Heatherwood Drive.

Jefferson and Shelby counties plan to widen the road to three lanes with a continuous turn lane and with enough right of way to eventually widen it to five lanes, said Jefferson Director of Transportation Wayne Sullivan.

The widening will begin at Acton Road and includes replacing the decrepit bridge over the Cahaba River. "The public hearing will be before Christmas," Sullivan said.

A similar hearing was held in 2004, and traffic has only snarled more since then.