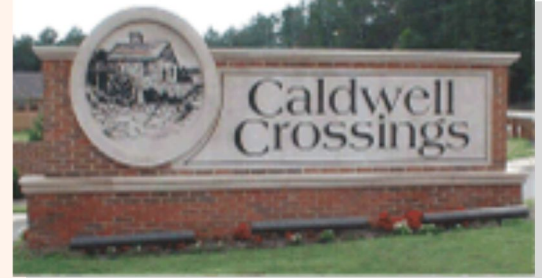




## Caldwell Crossings Home Owners Association



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### A Job Well Done



Jim Moon and his wife Nena will be moving from Caldwell Crossings shortly. Jim has served on the Board of Directors as President, since we assumed control of the Board in 2008. He has been a leader in the community and a moving force in achieving goals that resulted in a better, stronger community. Jim has worked tirelessly for our community throughout his tenure. Now Jim has decided that life takes him in a different direction and as such we extend our sincerest thanks for a

job well done. **Thank you Jim for all you have done.**

There is still some confusion as to who our Management Company is. About one year ago the board announced that we were terminating our relationship with RMS and moving to **Premier Property Management**. Charlie Diggs is the President of PPM and Rian Whalen is the Association Manager **Here is their contact information:**

Premier Property Management  
1849 Data Drive, Suite 3  
Birmingham, Alabama 35244  
Phone: 205.403.8787  
Fax: 205.403.8758  
[rwhalen@ppm-inc.biz](mailto:rwhalen@ppm-inc.biz)



We are seeking residents who would like to serve on the ARC or the Board of Directors. Presently Jim Moon is filling one of the three positions on the ARC and is President of the Board. As you know Jim and Nena will be moving from Caldwell Crossings.

**If you are interested in serving on either the ARC or the Board, please contact Jay Stone or Steve Goldman or email [BOD@caldwellcrossings.net](mailto:BOD@caldwellcrossings.net).**

The Board can appoint a member to the Board to fill the remaining term of a member that cannot complete their term of office. That individual will remain on the Board until the next annual meeting and may place themselves up for election.

ARC members are appointed by the board.

Our new website and a new web address. Our address is now **Caldwellcrossings.net** The new look comes with a residential directory. The directory was one of the items requested at our last Home Owners Meeting. It is password protected and contains name and address. As shown on the site, anyone who wishes to have their name remove can simply write to [communications@caldwellcrossings.org](mailto:communications@caldwellcrossings.org). Type remove in the subject line and your name will be taken out.

We are a Covenant and Restriction Community

Residential directory is password protected. Please email [communications@caldwellcrossings.org](mailto:communications@caldwellcrossings.org) to obtain it. Use subject Password and include you address

## WELCOME TO CALDWELL CROSSINGS



## Computer Corner

### Don't save emails you don't need

Because space is no longer a problem with most email services, users tend to never delete emails. While that's extremely convenient, it's not a very good idea, because it allows hackers to easily discover what other online accounts are tied to that address by searching for sign-up or notification emails from various online service providers.

Aside from exposing the link between your email address and accounts on other websites, sign-up and notification emails can also expose specific account names that you've chosen and are different from the email address.

You might want to consider cleaning your mailbox of welcome emails, password reset notifications, and other such communications. Sure, there might be other ways for hackers to find out if you have an account on a certain website, or even several websites, but why make it easier for them to compile a full list?

### Check your email forwarding and reply-to settings

Email forwarding is one of those "set it and forget it" features. The option is buried somewhere in the email account settings and if it's turned on there's little to no indication that it's active.

Hackers know this. They only need to gain access to your email account once, set up a rule to receive copies of all your emails and never log back in again. This also prevents the service from sending you notifications about repeated suspicious log-ins from unrecognized devices or IP addresses.

Another technique that attackers might use to get a copy of your emails is to change the reply-to address in your email settings. The reply-to field is included in every email message that you send and allows the recipient's email client to automatically populate the To field with an address you chose when they hit reply. If a hacker changes the reply-to value with an address that they control, they will receive all email replies intended for you and these typically include the original emails that you sent.

In order to ensure that you also get those replies, the attacker can set up a forwarding rule in their own email account and automatically.

## Changing of Seasons



Although it seems like winter just arrived, warmer days are just a few weeks away for most of the nation. And while spring weather always feels like a breath of fresh air after the doldrums of winter, it's also an opportunity to prepare your home for a sudden change in temperature, weather, and sun exposure.

Check out this to-do list of spring weather tips for homeowners.

To get your home looking its best before spring, take the time to clean out any dead leaves, sticks, and other debris from your gutters. Rain showers are a sure bet during April and May, and clogged gutters can cause soil erosion and even damage to your roof due to the accumulation of heavy rainfall.

You should also clean the outsides of your windows, as winter can leave a thick film of dirt, dust, and grime that clouds the glass and reduces the amount of warm sunlight your home receives.

Temperatures can rise quickly even during the early months of spring, and it's not uncommon to run your air conditioner in early March. To get a head start on the warm weather headed your way, make sure you replace all air filters in your home's HVAC unit. Have a reliable HVAC company inspect your units. You can replace air filters in your house.

If most likely keep a wide variety of safety equipment in the house to make sure your family stays safe year-round. But that equipment doesn't do any good unless it's tested on a regular basis. Batteries for smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors should be tested and batteries replaced on a regular basis. Perhaps changing the batteries when we change from Standard Time to Daylight Savings time is a good way to remember.

One of the easiest ways to reduce your utility bill is to replace light bulbs in your home with light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs. Not only do these bulbs last significantly longer than incandescent bulbs, but they also consume much less energy while producing more natural light.



### Fence Heights:

A question was asked as to why we could not have fences greater than 6 feet. The answer is two fold:

1. The R&C limits the height of a fence to 6 feet
2. Hoover ordinance limits the height to no more than 6.5 feet. The section of the Hoover ordinance is found on the last page.

**ARTICLE VII. - SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS****Sec. 4.0. - Fences and walls.** *Ord. No. 10-2189, § 1, 3-15-10)*

- A. Except as provided in subsections B. and C. of this section, no fence or wall shall be constructed in any front yard, or yards in the case of a corner or through lot, of any dwelling located in a residential district except as required for a retaining wall or vehicle barricade.
- B. In residential districts, the front yard of a corner or through lot that extends the entire width of the lot between the front of the dwelling and the street right-of-way is the primary front yard of said lot. Other front yards of a corner or through lot are secondary front yards.
1. A fence or wall may be constructed in the secondary front yard of a corner or through lot, provided the fence or wall complies with the minimum front building setback of the residential district.
  2. When a fence or wall exists in a secondary front yard and does not comply with the front building setback of the residential district, it may be replaced provided that the replacement fence or wall does not exceed six and one-half (6½) feet in height and does not extend more than four (4) feet above the centerline elevation of the abutting street.
- C. Commonly owned decorative masonry walls or wrought iron fences may be constructed along the perimeter of residential subdivisions, subject to the following restrictions:
1. The wall or fence shall be located in a recorded easement for that purpose, and the easement, wall or fence shall be owned in common by all owners in the subdivision.
  2. The wall or fence shall not be located between the front of any dwelling and the street right-of-way. If the fence or wall is located along a boundary street, it shall extend along the entire length of the subdivision's boundary fronting that street.
  3. Decorative masonry walls shall have a stucco, brick or stone surface. Wrought iron fences shall have vertical support columns surfaced in brick, installed on at least ten-foot centers.
- D. A masonry entrance feature is permitted at the intersection of a residential driveway and the street right-of-way on lots that are at least one hundred (100) feet wide and where the dwelling is set-back at least one hundred (100) feet from the street right-of-way. The entrance feature shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height nor extend more than twelve (12) feet from the edges of the driveway.
- E. No fence or wall located in a residential district may exceed a height of six and one-half (6½) feet.
- F. No fence, wall, entrance feature, structure or vehicle barricade may be located in the street right-of-way.

**I**n early March, the email addresses for the HOA will have the extensions changed from **.org to .net to bring them in line with our new website Caldwellcrossings.net**

Any email sent to the .org address will be forwarded to the .net address and will continue to be forwarded for several months.

Old Address	BOD@caldwellcrossings.org	Communications@caldwellcrossings.org	Arc@caldwellcrossings.org
New Address	BOD@caldwellcrossings.net	Communications@caldwellcrossings.net	Arc@caldwellcrossings.net