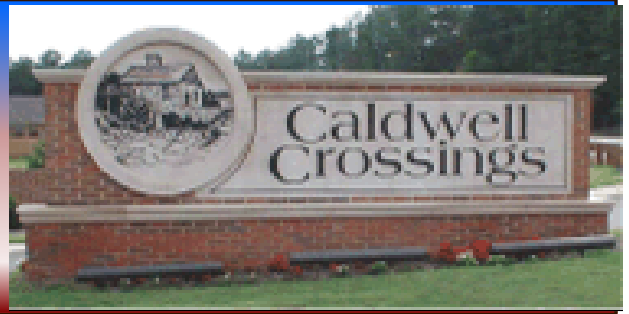


Caldwell Crossings



Home Owners Association



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Visit Your website: caldwellcrossings.org

Protect Your Home

You can deter thieves while you're away

While you're away from home, make sure your personal property doesn't end up in the hands of a burglar. Protecting your home can be as easy as making it look occupied while you're gone.

Here are some simple measures you can take that can pay off in security and peace of mind:

Leave drapes and shades open. If closed, it's a sign you're gone.

Don't stop all deliveries. Have someone you trust pick up mail and newspapers every day.

Leave a radio on. It signals to a burglar that someone's home. Also, turn the volume adjustment on your telephone bell down so a prowler will be less likely to hear the ringing of an unanswered call.

Use automatic light timers. Set them to turn lights on and off in different rooms at different times.

Park a car in your driveway or parking space. If you plan to be gone for just a few days, park your second car in the driveway or space, or ask a neighbor to park a car there.

This not only gives the impression you're home but also stops burglars from backing up a van and loading your possessions.

Neighborhood Watch Tips

Let's all work together to help eliminate neighborhood crime. Please watch out for these activities in our neighborhood:

- * Someone running from a car or home.
- * Someone screaming. If you can't explain the screams, call law enforcement and report them.
- * Someone going door-to-door in the neighborhood or looking into windows and parked cars.
- * Someone asking about past residents.
- * Someone who appears to have no purpose wandering through the neighborhood.
- * Unusual or suspicious noises that you cannot explain, such as breaking glass or pounding.
- * Vehicles moving slowly without lights or without an apparent destination.
- * Business transactions conducted from a vehicle. This could involve the sale of drugs or stolen goods.
- * Offers of merchandise available for ridiculously low prices. The merchandise might be stolen.
- * Someone walking or running while carrying property at an unusual time or place.
- * Someone removing property from unoccupied residences.
- * A stranger entering a neighbor's home which appears to be unoccupied.
- * A stranger in a car who stops to talk to a child.



We have received word that Bright House Networks' plan to build their infrastructure into the community is on hold at this time, based on the difficulties that were experienced in the Sanctuary portion of Caldwell Mills. There is still the potential for them to do so, but there's no firm timeline for when that will happen, or when we will know if they plan to go forward or not. We have been assured that once a decision is made, the HOA will be notified immediately, so that we can let everyone know.

How Things Have Changed

Average Cost Of New Home Homes

1930 \$3,845.00 , 1940 \$3,920.00, 1950 \$8,450.00 , 1960 \$12,700.00 ,
1970 \$23,450.00 , 1980 \$68,700.00 , 1990 \$123,000.00 , 2008 \$238,880 , 2013 \$289,500 ,

Average Wages

1930 \$1,970.00 , 1940 \$1,725.00, 1950 \$3,210.00 , 1960 \$5,315.00 ,
1970 \$9,400.00 , 1980 \$19,500.00 , 1990 \$28,960.00 , 2008 \$40,523 , 2012 \$44,321 ,

Average Cost of New Car Cars

1930 \$600.00 , 1940 \$850.00, 1950 \$1,510.00 , 1960 \$2,600.00 ,
1970 \$3,450.00 , 1980 \$7,200.00 , 1990 \$16,950.00 , 2008 \$27,958 , 2013 \$31,352 ,

Average Cost Gallon Of Gas

1930 10 cents , 1940 11 cents , 1950 18 cents , 1960 25 cents ,
1970 36 cents , 1980 \$1.19 , 1990 \$1.34 , 2009 \$2.051 , 2013 \$3.80 ,

Average Cost Loaf of Bread Food

1930 9 cents , 1940 10 cents , 1950 12 cents , 1960 22 cents ,
1970 25 cents , 1980 50 cents , 1990 70 cents , 2008 \$2.79 , 2013 \$1.98 ,

Average Cost 1lb Hamburger Meat

1930 12 cents , 1940 20 cents , 1950 30 cents , 1960 45 cents ,
1970 70 cents , 1980 99 cents , 1990 89 cents , 2009 \$3.99 , 2013 \$4.68 ,

Welcome ! Our newest neighbors

Michael Allen	3508 Crossings Circle	Lynn DeShazo	3078 Crossings Dr
Ramona Smith	3756 Crossings Crest	Sarah Prater	3019 Crossings Dr
Robert & Carolyn Max-	4496 Crossings Lane	Wanda & Jerome Billings	4337 Crossings Pl
Patricia Hicks	3175 Crossings Dr	Joyce & Henry Dixon	3424 Crossings Way
Gail Partain	3320 Crossings Court	Fred & Ann Gipson	4053 Crossings Lane
Diane Payne	3317 Crossings Court		



Computer Corner (Computing With A Personal Touch..205-937-3472)

Your smart phone, either Android or iPhone can double as an alarm clock. Tapping and swiping your way to your clock app and then dialing up a wake-up time is, by far, the least efficient way to set an alarm on your iOS or Android device.

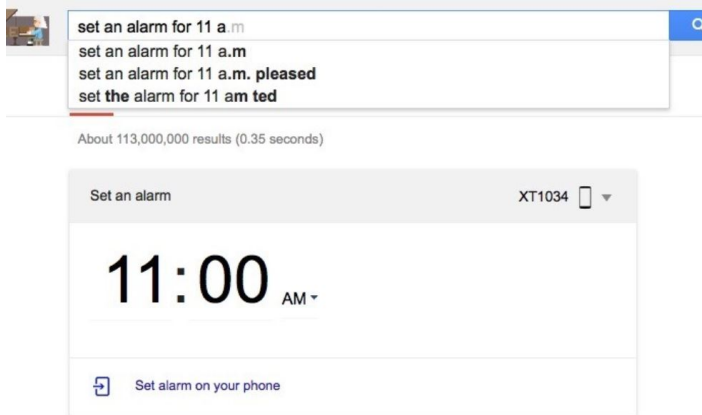
Instead, give your fingertips a break and just tell your phone when you want to wake up.

For Android phones, tap the microphone in the Google search bar, then say (for example), "Set an alarm for 8 a.m. please." (You don't really need to say "please," but it's a nice touch.)

For iOS, press and hold the Home key to launch Siri, then say "Set an alarm" and pick a time. Done

Set an alarm from Google desktop search

(Android only)



You can set the alarm on your Android phone or tablet directly from Google desktop search.

You don't need to dig up your Android phone to set an alarm. Open your browser, head for Google, then type something like:

Set an alarm for 11am

Google will ask you to confirm the time of your alarm. Once confirmed, just click the link to set the alarm on your

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Important Changes to ARC Requests.

To better serve our community, the Board of Directors has setup an Email account that can be used by homeowners to submit ARC requests. If you have the ability to scan your ARC request and supporting documents, you can email your scanned documents to



arc@caldwellcrossings.org

Emailed requests will be delivered directly to ARC members for appropriate action and a decision given within 5-7 days.

ARC requests can still be mailed to our management company for forwarding to ARC. The goal for these requests is a 7–14 day turn around.

FAX requests can still be sent to our management company. Our goal on FAX requests will be a response 5–7 days.

Any questions can be directed to an ARC member using the above email address or the Board of Directors at BOD@caldwellcrossing.org

PARKING

There has been much concern expressed from many homeowners regarding parking within Caldwell Crossings. Here are the rules that we would hope every resident would follow. Residents are re-



quired by the Covenants and Restrictions to park “off-street”, either in the garage or the driveway. No vehicles should be parked in the yard or on the sidewalks at any time. If a resident is having guests, the homeowner should make certain that their guest’s vehicles do not park in the street in such a manner that prevents access for emergency vehicles or causes any inconvenience to their neighbors. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by all.



CALDWELL CROSSINGS

CALDWELL CROSSINGS ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE INFORMATION FORM

Request for Approval

Information Required

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Home Owners Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____

Email Address_owner _____

Name: if not Owner _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number: _____

FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO PROCESS THIS REQUEST.

Exterior Colors and Materials: color chart or samples with manufacture's name and number.

Fence: Survey with fence drawn on survey in dark line with gates indicated

Landscaping: Survey, landscaping plans to scale with type and size of plant(s) and trees

Building Additions: Survey, Building Plans to scale , Elevations, Dimensions and material list

Comments or additional information

ARC Approval YES NO _____ Date _____

Approval

ARC Member Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Signature of Management Company Representative _____ Date _____

ARC Request Form 331r
 Send to RMS, PO BOX 1268, PELHAM, AL 35214 OR FAX 205-620-4206
 Any question, email ARC at ARC@caldwellcrossings.org

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o you own a business? Do you provide a service? If you answered yes to either question, we want to hear from you! You can give us details of your business or service and we will place the information in our next edition. Even better, write about your

service or business and perhaps provide helpful information to our residents. There is no fee involved so why not?



American Flag Etiquette



Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code. Some general guidelines from the Flag Code answer many of the most common questions:

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything. When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.



How much do you know about the 4th of July

- 1 What was the main reason the U.S. declared independence?
- 2 How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?
- 3 In what city was the Declaration of Independence signed?
4. What are the first seven words of the Declaration of Independence?
- 5 Who approved the Declaration of Independence?
6. Whose signature is the largest on the Declaration of Independence?
- 7 How many people were living in the U. S. in 1776?
8. What were the colors of the first flag?
9. What is our national bird?
10. Where is the Liberty Bell located?
- 11 Does the Liberty Bell still ring today?
- 12 How did the name "Uncle Sam" originate?
- 13 What is the name of the National Anthem?
- 14 Who wrote the words to the National Anthem?
- 15 Who wrote the music for the National Anthem?
- 16 Who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance?
- 17 **Who** sewed the first official American flag?
- 18 Why were the stars in a circle on the first flag?
- 19 What country gave us the Statue of Liberty?
- 20 Who invented fireworks?
- 21 When did the Liberty Bell crack?
- 22 When did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?
- 23 Under what circumstances did "The Star Spangled Banner" become the national anthem of the U.S.A?
- 24 How did the US get the motto "In God We Trust"?

ANSWERS ON OUR WEB SITE [CALDWELLCROSSINGS.ORG](http://www.caldwellcrossings.org)