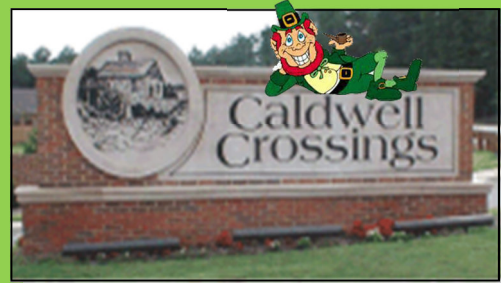


Caldwell Crossings Home Owners Association



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Visit Your website: caldwellcrossings.org

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.
- * A child resisting the advances of an

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NEXTDOOR THE PRIVATE SOCIAL NETWORK OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The response to this new, exciting way to "speak" to your neighbors is terrific. Thus far over 168 residents have joined. We have posts regarding structural problems, invites, suggestions, for sale items. We hope that the momentum continues and that you feel comfortable posting something. With spring and summer approaching, you might want to post suggestions for shrub and lawn care and perhaps vacation spots.

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.



"I have a complaint!"

Techniques To Use That Get Results

Our Board of Directors and management company welcome constructive complaints because they help them do a better job. Results-oriented complaints usually can be settled in the initial stage and the result will be fewer complaints in the future. Here are some techniques to follow to ensure results:

- Keep the tone polite and professional. Try not to get angry or emotional.
- Avoid using threats. Threats diminish productive communication. If you push others they may

respond emotionally and the issue will be lost in the process.

- State what you want done.
- Listen and ask questions.
- You may want to negotiate. Be ready to suggest alternative solutions.
- If there is an agreement, confirm it. Make a written note to yourself. If the problem is complex or money is involved, confirm the agreement by letter.
- If you cannot agree on a solution stay calm. Do some more research. But remain calm.

Caldwell Crossings friends and neighbors enjoying dinner at Gianmarco's



WELCOME

*Frank and Marilyn Saletta III
Crossings Lane*

*Carol Graves
Crossings Ridge*

*Bradford Tinney
Crossings Lane*

*Daniel & Shirley Tilford
Crossings Drive*



1. **Avoid using easy-to-identify - and therefore easy-to-hack - passwords such as family names, birthdays, house numbers, phone numbers.** In particular, never use a Social Security number as a password. Hackers have become expert at decrypting Social Security numbers based on knowledge of how they are assigned to individuals.
2. **Brainstorm a short list of passwords that you will remember.** Have passwords handy before you are prompted to create one helps to take the pressure off and prevent you from creating easily decrypted passwords.
3. **Use a unique password for each application.** Passwords for everything from your bank account and ATM card to your utility and Facebook accounts should all be unique. Using the same password for multiple purposes may be easier to remember, but it's also like putting out a welcome mat for the identity thieves.
4. **Change your passwords frequently.** Changing passwords helps reduce the chance that someone will get their hands on an old password and be able to use it to access sensitive accounts. Don't just change a single letter or number in a previous password. For example, if your password updates over time are LastName1, LastName2, LastName3, and so on, someone who hacked an old password can just as easily hack a new password.
5. **Make use of case sensitive characters.** A mix of capitals and lower case letters always helps encrypt passwords and deter hacking. For example, ILoVeNeWyOrK is a harder password to crack than "NewYorkCity"

Trees and Shrubs to Prune in Early Spring, While Dormant

You can still get your pruner out this spring to shape the following list of trees and shrubs, while they are still dormant.

- Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
- Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia Davidii*)
- Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*)
- Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
- Flowering Plum (*Prunus blireana*)
- Glossy Abelia (*Abelia x grandiflora*)
- Golden Rain Tree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*)
- Honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*)
- Hydrangea, Peegee (*Hydrangea paniculata 'Grandiflora'*)
- Potentilla (*Potentilla fruticosa*)
- Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Spirea (except Bridal Wreath) (*Spirea japonica*)
- Wisteria (*Wisteria species*)

CCOA FLAG and BANNER POLICY

The Covenants and Restrictions of Caldwell Crossings provide that any changes or improvements that affect the exterior appearance must have prior approval of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The Board of Directors has issued a policy regarding the display of flags and other decorations in Caldwell Crossings. This policy applies to flags or banners flown from a bracket attached to the dwelling as well as those mounted on stands that are placed in the ground. No free-standing flag poles are permitted.

The American flag may be flown at any time from a bracket attached to the dwelling in accordance with the established protocol for displaying the American flag.

Due to the interest in college football, the display of a university flag is allowed only during football season, generally August through January. The flag or banner may be flown from a bracket attached to the dwelling or a stand placed in the ground.

Flags/banners can be displayed 24 hours before game time kick-offs.

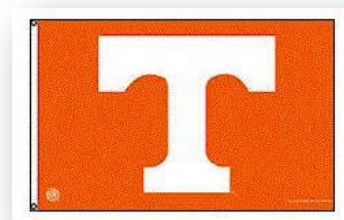
Flags/banners are to be removed 24 hours after game time kick-offs.

A university flag or banner is not to be displayed on days the team has an open date.

No prior approval from the ARC is required for the display of university flags or banners as long as the conditions above are being met .

Any other use of flags, banners, windmills, etc. must have prior approval from the ARC.

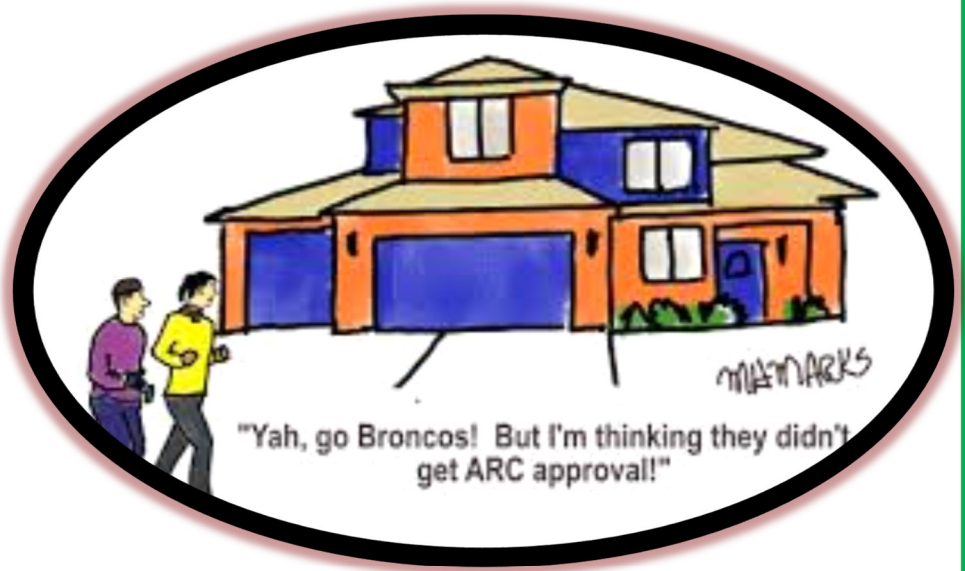
The initial violation of this policy will result in a warning letter. The second violation will result in a fine as set forth in the Violations Policy for Caldwell Crossings.





Here are some reminders regarding the appearance and upkeep of homes in Caldwell Crossings. These are some of the more frequent violations reported by the Management Company: **Hose Storage**-when not in use hoses should be stored neatly on a hose reel or in a hose box; **Mulch**- No colored or gravel mulch is allowed. All mulch should be natural colored bark or pine straw (no red mulch); **Flower containers**-No plastic flower containers are allowed. Flower containers should contain healthy flowers and be free of weeds or other plant material. No plastic flowers or shrubbery are allowed. **Flower beds**-should be free of weeds and properly mulched-no dirt showing. **Lawns**-Free of weeds and properly mowed and edged. Clippings should not be blown or left on the sidewalk or street.

Your **Architectural Review Committee (ARC)** exists to preserve the architectural and aesthetic appearance of the property, to establish and preserve a harmonious design for the property and to protect and promote the value of the property, the lots, the dwellings and all improvements thereon. Therefore, no improvements of any nature shall be commenced, erected, installed, placed, moved onto, altered, replaced, relocated, permitted to remain on or maintained on any lot or dwelling by any owner,



which affects the **exterior appearance** of any lot or dwelling unless plans and specifications have been submitted and approved by the ARC. This includes but is not limited to landscaping, exterior painting, fencing, edging, window replacements, decks, patios, playhouses/gym sets, exterior/uplighting and sun rooms.



A tornado is capable of producing winds in excess of 300 miles per hour, making it one of the most devastating weather events on earth. Living in the United States increases your odds of facing a tornado substantially as it produces more tornado sightings than any other country. Advance warning of an approaching tornado has significantly improved with improvements in forecasting technology, but a tornado still qualifies as the cause of natural disaster that provides the least time to prepare

Understanding Weather Terms The terms used by meteorologists and TV and radio weather forecasters to describe tornado conditions can be confusing, and confusion can mean the difference between life and death. A "tornado watch" means that conditions could possibly produce a tornado. A "tornado warning" means that one has actually been sighted and is a signal to immediately seek shelter.

Prepare beforehand to find shelter inside your home or business. The safest place proving shelter from the winds of a twister are located underground such as a basement or storm cellar. Lacking this option, identify the area situated in the middle section of your home, place of business or any other building. The best site in most homes is in a hallway or bathroom on the lowest floor. Prepare beforehand to find shelter inside your home or business. The safest place proving shelter from the winds of a twister are located underground such as a basement or storm cellar. Lacking this option, identify the area situated in the middle section of your home, place of business or any other building. The best site in most homes is in a hallway or bathroom on the lowest floor.

While it may seem off in the distance, election to the Board of Directors is just around the corner (September 2014). If you would like to serve on the board, please contact any board member for more information



We are always seeking articles of interest to publish in our newsletter. If you dream of being a published author, here is your chance. Submit your articles , to communications@caldwellcrossings.org.