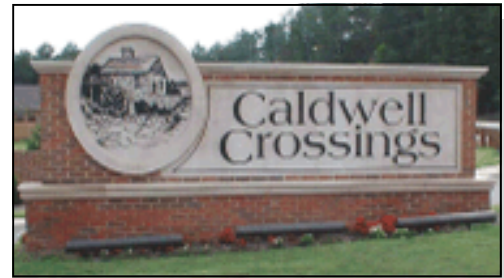


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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 11, 2012

What is Daylight Savings 2012?

Daylight savings 2012 will begin on the second Sunday of March and end on the first Sunday of November. In March, clocks are moved forward one hour from 2am standard time to 3am daylight savings time (or DST), and in November, clocks are moved back one hour from 2am DST to 1am standard time. The phrase "spring forward, fall back" is a helpful reminder of these time changes.

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The reason for daylight savings 2012, like all daylight savings changes, is to increase the period of light during the afternoon while decreasing the hours of daylight in the mornings. This is why in 2012 clocks will be moved forward an hour in the beginning of spring and set backward an hour during fall. The practice of DST has its benefits and problems. Adding light to the afternoon benefits afterwork activities and also has an economic benefit to retailers that prosper during daylight hours. However, DST can be problematic for timekeeping, travel and sleep cycles.

DST was first introduced in 1895 by George Vernon Hudson, a New Zealand entomologist. William Willett independently came up with the idea of DST in 1905. As an avid golfer, Willett disliked how his afternoon golf round was cut short by early days. During 1916, Germany and its allies in WW1 were the first countries to adopt daylight savings time to ensure consistent railroad times and limit coal usage.

Interestingly, not all countries will participate in the daylight savings 2012 time changes. About 70 countries worldwide participate in daylight savings, while some major countries like China will not participate in daylight savings in 2012.

Board of Directors

To those who were original purchasers of homes in Caldwell Crossings you might recall being told that no screens were permitted on the front of your homes. By and large we all complied with this statement and the vast majority of home owners do not have screens facing the street. At a recent BOD meeting the question came up as to where in the covenants and restrictions this prohibition was shown. For a long time section 6.13 (a), (b) was used as the reference for this. However after a careful reading of these sections, the Board was unable to find any prohibition regarding screens on windows. Section 6.13 deals with Windows, Window Treatments and Doors.

6.13(a) 'Reflective glass shall not be permitted on the exterior of any dwelling. No foil or other reflective materials shall be installed on any windows or used for sunscreens, blinds, shades or other purpose.

6.13(b) No aluminum or metal windows shall be utilized on the front or sides of any dwelling. Screen doors shall not be used on the front or side of any dwelling. Appropriate window treatments shall be used on all windows. Sheets, bed lines, blankets, paper or plastic bags are not appropriate window treatments.

However, Article V provides for an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and stipulates what the ARC is authorized to do. ARC is authorized to '***promulgate and amend or modify written Architectural Standards.*** 'Section 5.5 gives the **ARC the right to approve plans and specifications which affect the exterior appearance of any lot or dwelling.**

Consequently the ARC has established a policy for the placement of screens on windows. This policy has been accepted by the Board of Directors. and is hereby published:

WINDOW SCREEN POLICY: Applies to all windows that can be seen from the street

- Window screen frames must be baked on enamel to match the color of the window frame
- Window screen crossbar must be the same height as the middle of the window frame where the two halves come together
- Window screen material must be black or dark brown/bronze
- Window screens that are torn or damaged must be replaced immediately.
- Prior to placement of window screens ARC approval must be obtained.
- The ARC may, but is not required to ask, for a sample of the frame and screen



PETS

We love our pets. They are members of our family. They provide companionship. They also place a burden on us to provide care for them and consideration for our neighbors. Pets, particularly dogs, need to be "walked" How many of us know that the city of Hoover requires that dogs be leashed? Failure to leash your dog may result in a fine. Further the code

requires that you cleanup after your pet. Here is an excerpt from that code

Running at Large - Section 4-21 of the Municipal Code of the City of Hoover Alabama states:

a. "It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in charge of an animal except cats and fowl to cause or permit such animal to run at large or be upon a street, sidewalk, thoroughfare or public place within the city or its police jurisdiction, unless such animal is attached to a leash in the hands of said owner or person in charge of said animal."

b. "The owner of a dog, and any other person or persons in custody or control thereof, shall cause to be removed any solid body excretions deposited by said dog on any property not owned by or in possession of the dog owner or the person or persons in custody and control of said dog at the time of said deposit."



In addition to this, the code deals with barking dogs:

Barking Dog - Section 4-20 of the Municipal Code of the City of Hoover Alabama states:

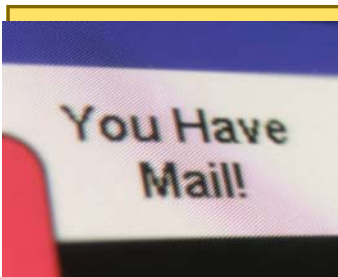
"It shall be unlawful for any person to confine, harbor or keep at any place or on any premises within the city and the police jurisdiction thereof, any animal which habitually, continuously or intermittently makes or emits sounds or noises of such volume, nature or extent as to be a public nuisance by reason of being obnoxious or annoying to the ordinary persons in that neighborhood."

Here is a list of fines for violations

Animal Control Fines			
Running At Large	First Offense: \$40.00	Second Offense: \$75.00	Third Offense: Court Required
Vaccination	First Offense: \$40.00	Second Offense: \$75.00	Third Offense: Court Required
Barking Dog	First Offense: \$40.00	Second Offense: \$75.00	Third Offense: Court Required
Interference with Animal Control Officer	<i>This is a court required offense. You must appear in court on a prescribed court date.</i>		
Vicious Animal	<i>This is a court required offense. You must appear in court on a prescribed court date.</i>		

.In addition to this, our C&R, Article VI, section 6.19 requires that pets be "under leash"

You are encouraged to go over article VI, section 6-19.



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From the Computer corner: [Stop Windows ' Automatic Reboots](#)

How often has this happened? You step away from your PC and when you return all your work is gone. What happened? Well windows downloaded updates and installed them. As part of the process, Windows restarts your PC. Want to stop this? You can and it is easy.



Here's how: If you use Vista or Windows 7, click on Start, type Windows update and then press enter. XP users use the control panel and seek out Windows Update.

Click on Change Settings option at left if you are using Vista and Windows y

Change the dialog box's current setting to Download updates but let me choose whether to install them
Click OK and that should do it.

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Spring Cleanup

One of the most frequent violations noted on the monthly review by the Management Company is "low on mulch". Spring is approaching and now is an excellent time to replenish or refresh your mulch. As a reminder, "All mulch should be natural colored bark or pine straw". (Section 7.1(c) Amended). No colored mulch or gravel, particularly red, is allowed.

Another of the most common violations is "weeds in beds or around trees". **A dose of RoundUp®** will usually take care of the problem. Other products such as *Over and Out®* can be applied in a granular form that will not harm other annuals, perennials or shrubs.

On another Note:

In recent weeks, some residents have failed to get their morning paper. If you do not receive your morning paper at the usual time, you must call *The Birmingham News* before 9:00 A.M. that day to ensure that you get that day's paper

