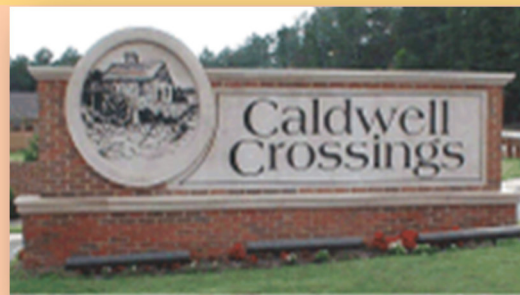


Caldwell Crossings Home Owners Association



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Auto Break in

There have been several reports of vehicles being broken into. Here is a compilation of the various emails I received:

25 July: 35 cars were left open in driveways in my daughters Helena AL subdivision. All were robbed of anything of any value including my daughter's car. An adult male and three teenage boys were apprehended by Helena police.

25 July Resident of Crossings Lane...This morning we got in our car that was parked in the drive last night and it had been broken into. The only thing I can find that was taken was money that was left in the glove box.

25July From Sanctuary Resident: The Sanctuary had several cars rumaged through and items stolen on Wednesday night, July 24.

Around 11:00 am Thursday morning, July 25, a Large Duffel Bag, Black Upright Carry-on and a bag of over the counter medication were found hidden behind a flower bed near the air conditioner of a Sanctuary home. The Hoover Police Department was notified. They came out and retrieved the items. The officer said they had seven calls to the Sanctuary last night (Wednesday). Evidently the burglars were checking all automobiles to see if they were locked. If the automobile is

locked they go to the next one until they find one unlocked

Another resident reported the following: 3126 Crossings Drive called to let us know of two instances of break-in and theft. His truck on the driveway was broken into and some things taken. He was fairly certain that the truck was locked, however, the police said that thieves have a tool that can easily break into his vehicle without setting off the alarm.

The annual meeting of the Caldwell Crossings Owners Association was held on September 19, 2013. Election was held for our Board of Directors. Jim Moon and Steve Goldman were reelected. As no other nominations were submitted, write in nominations were accepted, Vern Hydorn, board treasurer, received the largest number of write in votes and graciously accept a position on the board.

Summary of meeting is on page 3 and continued on page 5

If you receive a paper copy of our newsletter, it indicates we do not have an email address for you. If you have an email address, please send it to communications@caldwellcrossings.org.

Hand delivery of the newsletter has been done by Vern Hydorn and Mike Smith. If you can help them, it would be appreciated. Additionally, the more electronic distribution we have, the less we spend on paper copies.

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Computer Cornor



Here is a short list of things you might not know.

If you believe that a document you are working on was not saved, don't blame your computer. Unfortunately many people forget to **SAVE** the document. Be certain that you have properly saved your work.

Over time you may see a decline in the speed of your computer. Many times this is caused by installing more programs and saving more files, (photos, documents, emails, etc.) Once these programs and files have been removed, you can defragment your drive. Here is a link to a good, solid defrag program. The good news it is free. [Defraggler](#) . When buying a new PC, get one with a drive that is much larger than you think you need. A one terabyte drive is relatively inexpensive.

When it is time to turn in at night, what is it you do to your PC? Do you turn it off, leave it running, or put it into sleep mode. a recent study found that using sleep mode you come out ahead. While in sleep mode, you cut down on the amount of electricity you use, you save on reboot time. Perhaps as much as 25 minutes a month. However, at least once a week I do turn my PC off completely and then restart it after a minute or two. This helps clear out the cache as well as free up memory. By the way, if you have a smartphone, which is after all a computer, turning it off once a week and then restarting it is probably a good thought.



COMPUTING

WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH

205-937-3472

Our Message Board is back. You can use the link on our webpage to get to the message board. Feel free to post virtually anything you want as long as it is not offensive. No sign up is needed.

<http://boards2go.com/boards/board.cgi?user=caldwellcrossings>

[Check out the revised website](#)

Message
Board

Board of Directors: Jim Moon, Steve Goldman, Vern Hydorn. Contact us by email at

[**BOD@caldwellcrossings.org**](mailto:BOD@caldwellcrossings.org)

Welcome

If you are new to our community drop a note to
communications@caldwellcrossings.org

Joseph & Deanna Phillips 4478 Crossings Ridge	Jeff Taylor 3137 Crossings Drive	3452 Crossings Way Name withheld by request
Alan & Sharon McMichael 3124 Crossings Drive	Carol Leeman & Clinton Wander, Jr 4449 Crossings Ridge	Charles & Gina West 4428 Crossings Ridge
Penny P. Ford, 3038 Crossings Drive	Linda J. Haizlip 3404 Crossings Way	Patrick A. Bruno, Jr. 4041 Crossings Lane
Glenn & Garlan Dean Hodge 4069 Crossings Lane		

The annual meeting of the Caldwell Crossings Owner's Association (CCOA) was held on September 19, 2013 with 80 residents present..

Association President Jim Moon called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and announced that no more ballots for election to the Board of Directors would be accepted. He then asked Vickie Oster, Ann Rowell and Tammy Lamle to count the ballots.

Jim introduced the ARC members

Jim called upon association Treasurer Vern Hydorn to give his budget report. The details of the report can be found on the Association's website, caldwellcrossings.org.. The budget, YTD, showed that we were \$625.69 over budget. Vern noted that there were still residents that had not paid their dues and or fines.

Counting of the ballots were completed thus the meeting was interrupted to announce the results. There were only two residents that submitted their names for consideration and they were Jim Moon and Steve Goldman. Write in candidates were accepted and Vern Hydorn received the greatest number of votes and graciously accepted to serve on the board.

Jim Moon continued the meeting with the following information:

What's been done

- Reduced 2013 Homeowner Annual dues to \$225 and provided homeowners in good standing with a one-time \$75 credit
- Continued the bi-monthly newsletter
- Up dated and continued the Caldwell Crossings website which is an open site that allows all to contribute and post announcements or ask questions(www.caldwellcrossings.org)
- Upgraded existing street lighting with new "white" bulbs
- Painted over 200 mailboxes and posts and provided new street numbers
- Addressed erosion problem on Crossings Cove by adding a retaining wall



A new way to communicate and exchange things. **Nextdoor** is an online website that allows all of us to post thoughts, ideas, pictures, gatherings, for sale and a lot more. The following gives you an overview of this site. I have already setup a site for our community and now need you to participate. You can go to

[HTTP:// nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) to view the site and get more information. Please sign up and let's get NEXTDOOR.

Steve Goldman

What is Nextdoor

Please note: Nextdoor Caldwell Crossings is a private website created by you and your neighbors.

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's **free**.

People are using Nextdoor to:

- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike

Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Nextdoor's mission is to bring back a sense of community to the neighborhood, one of the most important communities in each of our lives.

NEXTDOOR Lets you:

Announce barbecues. For multi-family garage sales. For trick-or-treating

Let everyone know to slow down, children at play.

For sharing a common hedge and an awesome babysitter.

For neighborhood watch. Emergency response. And for just keeping an eye out for a lost cat.

Uses technology as a powerful tool for making neighborhoods stronger, safer places to call home.

Allows online chats that lead to more clothesline chats.

Strong neighborhoods not only improve our property value, they improve

each one of our lives.

Privacy

Fences are sometimes necessary. But online privacy is **always** necessary. Nextdoor makes it safe to share online the kinds of things you'd be okay sharing with your neighbors in person.

Here's how:

- Every neighbor has to verify their address.
- Every neighbor signs in with their real name. Just like in person.

Information about you is never shared with advertisers.

Safety

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Here's how:

- Every neighbor must verify their address.
- Each neighbor signs in with their real name. Just like in person.
- You choose where your information is shared.
- The website is securely encrypted using the HTTPS Internet protocol.
- Information shared will never show up in Google or other search engines.

Nextdoor never shares your personal information with third-party advertisers.

Neighborhood Guidelines

Respecting your neighbors

- Be honest, authentic, and straightforward in all actions
- Show tolerance to each other, even if you don't share similar opinions

Don't share posts from the website without the author's permission

Sharing useful information

- Answer your fellow neighbors' questions
- Report crime and emergency alerts
- Post weather and traffic bulletins
- Discuss community-wide issues

Publicize neighborhood events



The old phrase "**I don't do windows**" works well if you can afford to hire cleaning help. If not, you're stuck, just like the rest of us, with cleaning your windows yourself. If you're prepared, however, with a few simple cleaning products and tools, the job won't be so bad, and your windows will soon be clean and sparkling

The key to achieving clean windows free of streaks is to operate swiftly when cleaning the glass. Window cleaning solutions work fine, as does dish soap and water, plain ammonia or white vinegar. All of these products will do a fine job, but if you don't work quickly to scrub and dry the glass window, a streaked residue will remain.

Start by cleaning out the window track and any stray debris. Apply a generous amount of the cleaning solution of your choice with a spray bottle, and begin scrubbing with a clean dry towel. A microfiber cleaning cloth works even better, and doesn't leave any dust particles. Paper towels are what people generally reach for when cleaning their windows, but the particles from them often mars the streak-free shine.

For a final step toward making your windows clean, streak-free and shiny, crumple up a generous-sized piece of newspaper and polish the window one last time. No additional cleaning solution or water is needed. Make sure you choose black and white newsprint. The colorful Sunday comics won't work as well. Simply rub the newspaper over the entire glass window, then sit back and admire the shine

Make your own cleaning solution



Measure 1/2 cup of distilled vinegar. Mix it with a gallon of water. Put the mixture in a spray bottle, store extra in an old milk jug. Shake well before using. Spray on glass and use a dry paper towel to wipe clean.

Add lemon juice and dish soap to the ingredient list for dirtier windows. Measure 1 gallon of water, 1/4 cup distilled vinegar, 2 tbsp. of lemon juice and a squirt of dish soap. Mix well, and pour into a spray bottle. Like the first mixture, extra can be stored in an old milk jug, but shake well before each use. Spray the window with the mixture and use a dry paper towel to wipe clean.

Mix baking soda, vinegar and water together to clean windows that have dried paint on them, or just need a little more of a scour. Measure 1/4 cup of baking soda, 1/2 cup of vinegar and 1/2 gallon of water. Pour into a spray bottle, and shake before each use. Use a sponge to scrub windows and a paper towel to wipe them clean. This mixture also makes a great multipurpose cleaner.

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and bricks
 Approved a budget for Phase 2 for landscaping of common areas on Crossings Lane and Crossings Cove

What's on the "To-Do" list?

Obtain designs from at least 3 reputable landscaping companies and select a plan for "Phase 2" of the Crossings Lane and Crossings Cove common areas
 Review street lighting and develop a plan to add additional street lights

The major issue for the evening was the findings of local contractor when he was asked to look at a home in the neighborhood. After going to the wrong house, he noted some brick separation on the wrong house. This raised some questions in his mind and when checking on the correct home, found similar problems. He called in a structural engineer to evaluate the situation and recommended appropriate corrective action. The contractor, John Vickers, made a brief presentation on the perceived problems and gave his opinion and answered a number of questions. President Jim Moon emphasized the fact that Mr. Vickers was acting, at this point, as a consultant and was not attempting to solicit any business. Attendees were told that they could consult with any contractor of their choosing and or structural engineer to determine if a problem existed and what solutions were available.

One resident brought up the 2-10 warranty given by the builders and told the group that the warranty company had been contacted and that they would evaluate the situation with their own engineer however there would be an upfront fee of \$250.00. The phone number for 2-10 Home Buyers Warranty is 303-368-4805

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 after most questions were addressed.



dangerous for the school buses.

It is hard to believe that summer is behind us and school is has begin. It is important to remind ourselves that the start of school comes with added responsibility for all of us to drive with more caution and to pay attention to school children as they wait for the bus and/or travel to and from school. Please remember to stop for a school bus that is loading or unloading. Please drive safely and responsibly and remember parking on the street is

What is the purpose of having Covenants and Restrictions? Some people say it is to keep property values from dropping. Some believe that having covenants and restrictions help residents to remain "good neighbors."



park on the sidewalk

A "good neighbor" keeps their property neatly cared for (lawn cut, edged, weeds pulled, etc.). Good neighbors keep weeds under control before they spread to their neighbor's yard.

Good neighbors stop and pick up that trash from their yard and curb.

Good neighbors do not park their vehicles on the street continually and directly across from their neighbor's driveway. Good neighbors do not

Good neighbors do not speed through the sub-division. They remember that the speed limit is 25 MPH