

Quarterly Newsletter  
OCTOBER, 2011

# Yellowleaf HOA

Yellowleaf Ridge Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.  
Chelsea, Alabama



## IMPORTANT DATE

December 6, 2011

HOA Meeting

7:00 PM

Chelsea Senior Center

## DIRECTIONS

From the subdivision  
entrance, turn right  
onto Hwy 39.

Go 2.0 miles and turn  
right onto Hwy 36.

Go 0.7 miles and the  
gray building is on your  
right.

Travel time: 5 minutes

SEE YOU THERE!

GOT AN IDEA OR INFO  
FOR THE  
NEWSLETTER?

Contact Pam Kimball  
pjk4@hotmail.com

## From the President

Several months back I accepted the nomination and was elected president of the Yellowleaf Homeowners Association (HOA). Even though I had not been very active in the association for several years, I understand that it is important for us as neighbors to rely on and help each other, and maintain our common areas for the benefit of all. That is why I became involved.

I have been surprised and amazed at the dedication of the current board members and their willingness to work toward resolving the issues and problems that have been kicked around for years. Many of our friends and neighbors are excited and glad to see what the group has accomplished so far. As usual, this has also generated negative comments and resistance toward our efforts at improvement. While I understand that some of these attitudes result from past misunderstandings, I sincerely hope that everyone understands that the current board and associated committees are doing their best at resolving the issues charged to the HOA.

I want to thank all who have pitched in to help on the recent projects as well as invite everyone to get involved. You just may be surprised to find that there is great satisfaction in working alongside your neighbors to improve our neighborhood and to keep our community vibrant and successful for the benefit of all of us. Anyone interested in discussing issues with the HOA should contact me at 678-9488.

Thanks,  
Paul E. Garmon

## Treasurer's Report

Many thanks to all who paid your annual dues; we are still receiving payments from a few homeowners. A second invoice is being sent out as a reminder and will offer the new Paypal payment option via the website.

What exactly does your \$100 pay for? From last year's expenses:

- \$36 Lighting (street+ entrance)
- \$30 Landscape maintenance
- \$13 Insurance
- \$ 9 Entrance repairs/expenses
- \$ 5 Printing
- \$ 5 Water
- \$ 2 P O Box rental
- <\$1 Taxes

Updated YTD funding and expenses are on the website under *Treasurer's Report*.

## Sharing the Light

It's always a surprise for new residents to learn that the HOA pays for neighborhood street lights. The City of Chelsea does not assess ad-valorem taxes, so it's up to all of us to keep the lights on.

Here's an illuminating fact:



If all Yellowleaf residents were assessed for their fair share of the street light bill, each household would owe \$35 per year. Just another reason why it's important to pay your HOA dues: *it keeps the lights on.*

## Halloween



Halloween festivities will be celebrated on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The subdivision entrance will again be blocked from outside traffic, and monitored by the Citizens Observer Patrol (COP). To help ensure Yellowleaf safety, portable spotlights will be set up in the Middle School parking lot, and COP will be present on our streets. COP director, Rob Burnett, spoke at our last HOA meeting; a summary of his presentation can be found on the website under *News* - scroll to *Quarterly Meeting*.



Better stock up on candy and goodies soon!

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.. a little something extra ..

"A pessimist sees the  
difficulty in every opportunity,  
an optimist sees the  
opportunity in every difficulty."

--Sir Winston Churchill

## Entrance Facelift

It was time for an entrance island clean-up and facelift, so a group of volunteers converged last month to cut back, pull out, weed, rake and repair. Thanks to the **Clean Out Team:** Paul Garmon, Bob Kelley, Pam Kimball, Cynthia McKinney, Matt Mellen, Mona & David Myers, and Jim & Linda Powers.

A new landscape plan has been approved, taking several factors into consideration: new plants must be sun and drought tolerant, deer resistant, low maintenance and perennial. Because of two successful

fund-raising efforts totaling \$646, the new plan is fully paid for.

**GREAT BIG KUDOS to Fundraiser Organizers** Bob Kelley (Car Wash) and Brenda Mellen (Chelsea Day Booth).

Thanks to all fundraising volunteers: Paul & Cindy Garmon, Amy Hutto, Hailey Joseph, Bob Kelley, Pam Kimball, Cynthia McKinney, Matt & Brenda Mellen, Mona & Klayton Myers, Jim & Linda Powers, and Rose Wade.

Event details and pictures are posted in the News section of the website.

## Other News & Reminders...

### WELCOME!

A warm welcome to new homeowners:

**Mike & Patsy Densmore**  
125 Hackberry Circle

**Michael & Brandy Mooney**  
113 Hackberry Circle

**William Porter**  
100 Sweet Gum Drive

**Brad & Amber Thompson**  
104 Hackberry Circle



**Brenda Mellen, Welcome Committee Chair**, recently completed communications with all real estate agents having listings in the neighborhood. Copies of the new Yellowleaf HOA brochure were delivered, and their help was solicited in telling new residents about the HOA. We also asked for our information to be included in real estate closing packages.

### FALL DECORATIONS

Thank you to **Cynthia McKinney, Mary Green** and **Allison Bergert** for putting up the colorful fall harvest decorations at the neighborhood entrance.

### PASSAGES

Our condolences to the **Les Jordan** family on the loss of their loved one.

### SIGNS

Thank you to **Michael Mooney** for removing graffiti from several street signs. Two signs were also replaced at the entrance: thanks to **Lori Cheney** for getting the new stop sign and to **Matt Mellen** for the new children-at-play sign.

### MAINTENANCE

Additional repairs have been made to entrance lighting and sprinkler systems. Many thanks to **John Pugh, Michael Cheney, Jim Powers** and **Bob Kelley** for diagnosing all problems, then making and/or facilitating the repairs.

### DOGS EATING NEWSPAPERS

Roaming neighborhood dogs are chewing and destroying newspapers. We would hate to see these animals picked up, so please obey the leash laws and keep your dogs under restraint.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the entrance planting effort on:

**Sun. Oct 9, 1:00 – 5:00pm,**  
**Thurs. Oct 13 and Wed. Oct 19**  
**10:00am – 3:00pm**

Contact Jim or Linda Powers if you can help. Changes in days or times will be posted on the web under News. If in doubt due to weather, call Jim : 566-2937.

### [www.yellowleafhoa.com](http://www.yellowleafhoa.com)

Launched on 9/13, the new website contains great info for all homeowners. Be sure to bookmark the pages you like and check back often, especially for *News*, *Treasurer's Report* and *Neighborhood Poll*. The site is updated frequently.

The current poll is tallying up college football allegiances thru October 30<sup>th</sup>. Vote yours today!

### MIDNIGHT MISCHIEF

Several incidents have occurred recently with a group of boys ringing doorbells in the middle of the night and then running. An entrance sign and cable box cover were also taken last month and later returned. It is dangerous for these minors to be out so late, and their mischief is annoying and disrespectful. Just a thought: *do you know where your children are at midnight?*

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

Have you changed your email address? Please make sure the HOA has your new one.

Never provided one? Help save HOA funds by sending it: you'll get timely news & info on neighborhood issues.

Addresses will never be shared with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, and will only be used for HOA communications.

### PARKING HAZARDS

If visitors need to park cars on the street, please ask them to be mindful of traffic flow and potential hazards. And remember: the speed limit is 35mph.

### STREET LIGHT REPAIRS

Light out? Request a repair from Alabama Power on-line at: <https://customerservice.southerncompany.com/Outage/Streetlight.aspx>