

JUNE 2011

# Yellowleaf HOA

Yellowleaf Ridge Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.  
Chelsea, Alabama



## Time and Money Well Spent

What does it take to keep the Yellowleaf community well-kept and inviting?

We all have busy lives, so you may not have taken the time to think about it other than to pay your annual dues. And that's the first critical piece – **HOA funds** always seem to be in short supply, and are tightly managed with a "no frills" fiscal attitude. Did you know that the \$100 annual fee is the lowest of all other Chelsea neighborhood HOAs? Most others range from \$150 - \$180.

It also takes **people** ... only one person is paid who regularly cuts grass and trims landscaping at the entrance and the

bridge over Yellowleaf Creek. All others are volunteers who give their time to plant or decorate the entrance, paint stop sign posts, build a sign frame, and always seem to be needed to fix the entrance lights, or the sprinkler system. Those people are *you and your neighbors*, ones who find the time for whatever needs to be done. All while everyone does their part to maintain their own homes and yards.

*So why bother with it all?* Because we all want to live in a safe community within a beautiful natural setting where our families can thrive. And where the financial investment in our homes is protected.

Our Yellowleaf neighborhood fits that description, but only as long as we properly take care of it. Given the low fees and our volunteer efforts, it's certainly worth the time and money, don't you think?

### NEW 2011-12 HOA BOARD

At the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, new board members and officers were elected/confirmed to replace several retiring members. A HUGE thanks to President Bob Kelley, who served for four hard-working years. Thanks also go to members Ben McIntyre ('07-11), Paula Roland ('09-11), and Stacie Dice ('09-11) for their service.

Congratulations to new HOA President Paul Garmon, and new board members Jim Powers and Pam Kimball.

### IMPORTANT DATE

September 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.

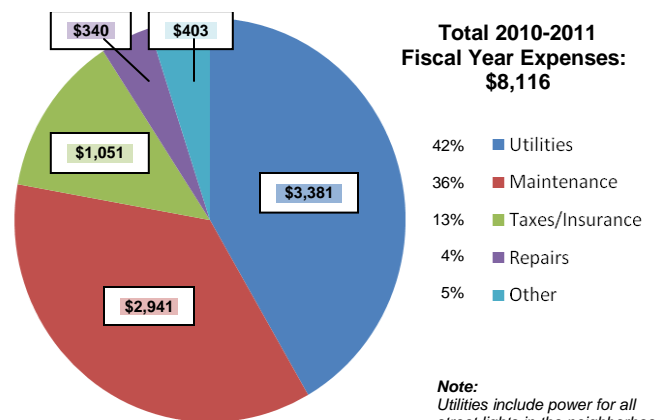
Travel time: 5 minutes

SEE YOU  
THERE!

## Treasurer's Report: Where Does the Money Go?

Invoices for 2011-12 HOA annual dues were sent on June 17th. Just in time, too: funds received for the last year covered expenses with only a few dollars to spare. So *please* pay your invoice by July 31st. New mailbox stickers will be available.

*Where exactly does the money go?* Each quarter, you'll see the Treasurer's report here. For the 2010-11 fiscal year ended June 30th, 78% went to utilities and landscape maintenance.



**Note:** Utilities include power for all street lights in the neighborhood, not just for entrance lighting.

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## Lagniappe

.. a little something extra ..

"Whether you think you can,  
or you think you can't,  
you are right."

Henry Ford

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

With current drought conditions, the state of Alabama is under a "No-Burn Order". All outdoor fires are banned, so setting off backyard fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> might not be a wise activity this year, even though the city of Chelsea does allow them on holidays. Any resulting fire carries a \$500 penalty and a 6 month jail term. Unless significant rain occurs, the ban will stay in effect thru October 1st (recent rain wasn't enough).

But you do have a fun alternative! The city of Chelsea will hold its 5th

annual **Big Kaboom** fireworks celebration on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Chelsea Park Subdivision & Chelsea Water Tower. Entertainment includes local musicians. So bring your folding chairs and blankets, and enjoy the big show!

Free **Big Kaboom** t-shirts will be available at City Hall beginning on June 27<sup>th</sup> as long as supplies last – sizes S, L & XL, limit 2 per family. Plus free weather radios are still available. For more information, go to [www.cityofchelsea.com](http://www.cityofchelsea.com).

## Freedom Ain't Free



Now, more than ever, we are reminded how special America is ... hard fought for and founded by wise men who believed in individual liberty and freedom. As we watch the fireworks, let's remember those who have come before us, those who have served, and are now serving to protect our nation. We can't say *thank you* enough!

**God Bless the USA!**

## Other News & Reminders...

### NEW SIGNS

Have you noticed the new signs at the entrance? The custom-built wrought iron frame was fabricated by **Marshal Thomas** (Sweet Gum Drive). *Kudos!* Signs will announce the latest newsletter, upcoming meetings, annual fees that are due and "No Soliciting".

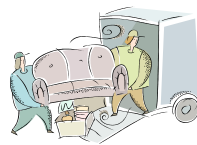
### WELCOME!

A warm welcome to new homeowners:

**Chris and Amy Hutto,**  
51 Sweet Gum Drive

**Chris and Shannon Moller,**  
307 Pin Oak

**Jackie and Pam**  
Robinson, 300 Pin Oak.



**Brenda Mellen, Welcome Committee Chairman,** is visiting with new homeowners and has put together a comprehensive welcome kit with great info

on Chelsea, Shelby County, and our Yellowleaf community. Let us know if you have a new neighbor so we can welcome them in style!

### PASSAGES

Our condolences to the **Dave Bookout** family on the loss of their loved one.

### BOOK CLUB

Did you know there is a Yellowleaf Book Club? It meets monthly and new members are always welcome! Interested? Contact **Gina McIntyre**, 678-0715, or **Lori Cheney**

### BABYSITTERS

We are also building a neighborhood babysitting list, with three sitters on it so far. If you need a sitter, or want to be included, contact **Pam Kimball**.

### MAINTENANCE

Kudos to **Bob Kelley** for his recent reparations on the entrance lighting and sprinkler systems.

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

Help save HOA funds by providing your email address. You'll get timely info on neighborhood issues (like confusion over the recent trash vendor change), plus this newsletter. Addresses will never be shared with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties and will only be used for HOA communications.

### PARKING HAZARDS

Please be considerate and ask visitors to refrain from parking cars on the street - they create a traffic hazard. Plus the cars are a big annoyance to your neighbors.

### NO SOLICITATIONS

A reminder that vendor solicitations are not allowed in Yellowleaf, including taping paper flyers to mailboxes.

### FACEBOOK & LINKEDIN

Don't forget you can use:

- (1) Yellowleaf HOA Group pages on Facebook, and
- (2) LinkedIn - call **Brenda Mellen** if you have any questions.