

Yellowleaf HOA



Yellowleaf Ridge Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.
Chelsea, Alabama

IMPORTANT DATE

Sunday

March 10, 2013

HOA Meeting

2:00 PM

Chelsea Senior Center

Directions

From the Yellowleaf
entrance, turn right

onto Hwy 39.

Go 2.0 miles & turn right
onto Hwy 36.

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

Travel Time: 5 minutes

SEE YOU THERE!

HAVE AN IDEA
OR INFO FOR THE
NEWSLETTER?

Contact Pam Kimball
pjk4@hotmail.com

WEBSITE

www.yellowleafhoa.com

From the President

Well, thankfully we lived to see the beginning of the 2013 new year shortly after the end of the Mayan calendar – all without the feared “end of the world” coming true. But we do live in difficult and challenging times right now. It’s more important than ever to be focused on our families and local communities, and all the more reason to get involved by volunteering when you can. Your help can be given in many different ways and various time commitments, whether through church and neighborhood activities, or special programs like the Literacy Council, Habitat for Humanity, or a local food bank. The satisfaction you get is always so *much more* than the time and effort you give!

As you know, some of our neighbors have volunteered for projects around Yellowleaf, and especially at the Park. Lately, we’ve been building a foot bridge over Dogwood Creek - it’s a great way to mentally relax and be physically active. We’ve even had a few teenagers get involved! What a nice legacy for our kids - seeing their friends, parents and grandparents building a park for their own neighborhood’s enjoyment!

THANKS! Paul E. Garmon

High School Volunteer Credit
Community service hours look great on a college admission form; your high school student can get credit if they volunteer to work in the park. Park project manager Brenda Mellen will complete the form that has to be turned in by **May 10, 2013**.

... Time for a Walk in the Park ...

A neighbor recently asked “*what’s going on in the park— is there anything down there to see?*” You betcha!

Progress has been steady and the plans for 2012 were generally accomplished with only a few weather delays. Details and many pictures are on the website under “The Park”, but here are a few good reasons why you might want to take a stroll to see what your neighbors have done so far:



3. The play fort, slide & swings.



4. Now nearing completion, the foot bridge located about ¾ of the way to Yellowleaf Creek. Work remains on railings and north side ramp. More bridge work pics are on the website.



1. Entrance path from road leads to mini-foot bridge crossing to south side of east end. Work to widen the path is planned.



5. Nature: clear water in sandy gravel creek bed with tree roots. Try to catch a rainbow!



2. The picnic area (2 tables) on a fossilized concrete slab, faces the play fort, next photo. More tables and benches are in the works for this and other areas.



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... a little something extra ...

*"We make a living
by what we get,
we make a life
by what we give."*

-- Winston Churchill

Treasurer's Report

Actual Expense to Budget

As of 12/31, 52% of the budget has been spent – this is six months into the fiscal year. Expenses are on target.

Expenses as of 12/31/12

\$1,740	Electricity
\$ 959	Lawn & Landscape Maintenance
\$ 831	Insurance
\$ 320	New Wall Plantings
\$ 304	Water
\$ 240	Website
\$ 162	Holiday Decorations
\$ 136	Printing & Mailing
\$ 91	Entrance Repairs
\$ 70	P O Box Rental
\$ 43	Miscellaneous
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\$ 4,896	Total

Annual HOA Dues

If you haven't yet paid your annual invoice, we *really* need your dues! You can pay thru the website and/or via installments under "Paying HOA Dues". We don't charge late fees, nor a fee for paying online with a credit card. The participation rate is now at **65%** of total residents, compared to **76%** at fiscal year-end on 6/30/12.

Special Park Donations

We've received **\$825** in donations via the invoice special payment option. Thank you for giving so generously to support the park project!

Other News & Reminders ...

WELCOME!

Welcome to new neighbor:

Phillip Pittman
166 Pin Oak Drive

*Have we missed someone?
Please let us know!*

ON THE WEBSITE

Don't miss the following items on the website:

- * **Valentine Bake Sale Details**
- * **January Park Project Pics**
- * **HOA By-Laws**
- * **Christmas Village Pics**

RECYCLING PICK UP

Never can remember when to put out the recycling bin? You are not alone! Here is the schedule for the next few

Ten Reasons to Volunteer - or Not

Why get involved? Why volunteer? Some thoughts for you to consider:

1. Protect your interests, property values and help maintain the quality of life.
2. Correct a problem.
3. Be sociable. Meet your neighbors, make friends, and exchange opinions.
4. Give back. Repay what's been done for you.
5. Advance your career. Add to your resume with meaningful community volunteer service.
6. Have some fun - it's heartwarming to accomplish good things with like-minded people.
7. Get educated. Learn how it's done and expand your brain and skillset.
8. Express yourself. Work on creative projects.
9. Earn recognition.
10. Try some altruism. Improve society by helping others less fortunate.

*So that all sounded great, right? **Yes, but ...***

1. Your free time will disappear and you'll become enslaved to the cause.
2. It's a great big scary commitment.

months: January 8, 22
February 5, 19
March 5, 19
April 2, 16, 30

MISSING PACKAGES

FedEx & UPS packages can sometimes disappear after delivery to your home, especially around holidays. To prevent this, consider doing the following:

- * Use your workplace as the shipping address
- * Track shipments online for the expected delivery date
- * Ask your neighbor to keep an eye out for deliveries and hold them for you
- * Request a signature option

3. You'll have to work with dictators, figureheads, puppets and/or strange people.
4. You'll get blamed when something goes wrong.
5. You'll never have any fun or "down time" ever again.

Besides – there's no real reason to get involved – the community is in great shape and you aren't needed. **NOT!**

You are needed now more than ever. Just be sure to set fair and realistic boundaries on your time, and try something that interests you. Even a unique one time effort can make a difference!



Fundraising for the Park

With a new year comes a calendar full of 2013 fundraising efforts; the next one kicks off on January 22nd with the Valentine Bake Sale.

BAKE SALES & FOOD

Feb 14	Valentine's Day
March 31	Easter
May 12	Mother's Day
May 23	Smoked Meats
June 16	Father's Day

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 3	Big Kaboom Concession Stand
December	Christmas Village Arts & Crafts Show



or shipment to be held for pick-up at a central location

* Report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Dept.

* Watch out for dogs who like to chew packages!

FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE

The YellowleafHOA group page is available to all adult residents. We now have 50 members in the group with regularly posted items of neighborhood interest.

Email ADDRESSES

Do we have your current email address? Get timely Yellowleaf info by sending it to: pjk4@hotmail.com. It will not be shared with anyone...