

INVERNEWS


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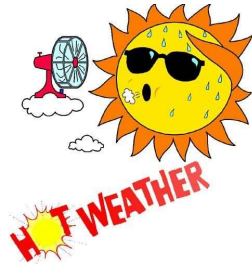


Board of Directors Meetings

The Board normally holds regular, bi - monthly meetings at 7 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month at CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 6101 Grelot Rd, Mobile, AL 36609. A notification sign will be posted at the front of the neighborhood before meetings are held detailing exact date and meeting room. Board meetings are open to all Inverness residents who are welcome to attend and participate.

Homeowner Dues

The Board wishes to remind residents that Association Dues for 2018 are due. The Board wants to thank the residents of Inverness who pay their annual association dues on a timely basis. Without your cooperation, it would not be possible for us to properly maintain our subdivision amenities and protect the property values of all of our homes.



YARDS OF THE MONTH

April 2018

6500 Charingwood Drive S.



May 2018

2108 Dorchester Drive



June 2018

6516 Charingwood Drive S.



Anyone having questions about selection criteria should call Bill or Gina Cassady (666-9076). And our continued thanks to Gina and Bill for the time and energy they give to encourage community beautification.



YOUR INVERNESS HOA BOARD AT WORK

Inverness is now part of the Mobile Police Departments Project Shield. Using our existing cameras and one new license plate camera, the police can monitor or go back and see who has entered our neighborhood. If you have a break in or see unusual activity, please call the police and mention that we are part of project shield.

The Board, with special help from neighborhood resident, Cindy White, has re-evaluated our neighborhood insurance and purchased a new policy which includes all of our previous coverage plus some new additions and saves the neighborhood over \$1600.00 per year in premiums.

Board members have also been actively involved with other HOA's and businesses along Hillcrest Road that are concerned with the proposed changes to Hillcrest Road. The group met with commissioner Bess Rich and has written a letter of concern to Mayor Sandy Stimson.

Our tennis court fence is due to be painted in the near future.

Neighborhood dues are due by July 31st. Be looking for an invoice from our treasurer if you have not already paid in full. Thank you.

Your HOA President, Ralph Gudeman

SWIMMING POOL and TENNIS COURTS



Please remember the Homeowners Association (that's ALL of us) shares the responsibility to keep the pool and tennis courts clean and as safe as possible. Injury to non-residents of Inverness is not protected by our insurance. Therefore, it is very important to make sure that all users are residents or properly accompanied guests. The board has received reports that unaccompanied outsiders have been utilizing the pool. Security cameras monitor activity at the pool but it is still up to each of us to maintain pool safety.

If you witness any vandalism, criminal activity, or trespassing such as fence climbers please call MOBILE POLICE, Phone: 251-208-7211 Non-Emergency number. Please Call 911 if it is an Emergency
Hours: 24 hours/7 days a week

When using the pool, please do not use any glass bottles, remember to put the umbrellas down and leave the area clean for the next visitors before you leave.

We are planning on getting our tennis courts back in tip top shape this coming Fall. Meanwhile, please remember to wear appropriate footwear before entering the courts. Skateboards and bikes are not permitted on the courts, as they will damage the surface . Please remember to lock the gate when you are finished.

THANK YOU!





Don't let the anticipation of a well-deserved vacation blind you to the risks of leaving your home unprotected. Go ahead and plan your beach, camping or city shopping holiday, but take precautions before you leave. We subscribe to the "better safe than sorry" philosophy, so review your home safety checklist before you head out. A little extra vigilance will help keep your property and belongings safer while you're gone -- and will keep you from obsessing about security once you're on the road to fun and adventure.

Consider Hiring a House-or Pet-Sitter

A house sitter can keep your home safe and take care of your beloved pet.

The best way to make sure your house is safe while you're gone is to have someone you trust still living in it. You may be lucky enough to have a tidy and conscientious relative who'll move in temporarily and water the plants, feed the pets and pick up the newspapers. If not, there are services you can use for house-sitting and pet-sitting while you're away. This can be a pricy option, but it's a solution that touches all the bases.

Hold Your Mail

When you're leaving for more than a couple of days, call your local post office to stop mail delivery until you get back. They can hold mail from three to 30 days. In many locations, you can even submit a stop mail request online. Just enter your address and stop and start dates. This is a free feature courtesy of your friendly United States Postal Service.

Stop Newspaper Delivery

That lonely, days-old newspaper on your driveway is an invitation to a criminal. A pile of yellowing newspapers on the doorstep is a movie cliché for a home that's unoccupied. Stopping the newspaper when you leave town for a while is an easy detail to forget and one that will make you a sure target. If you're still reading newsprint, make sure you stop service when you leave on vacation.

Keep Eyes on Your Property

Even if you stop newspaper delivery and mail service, there are still some gotchas that can make it obvious that you're not around. How about those fliers that peddlers leave on your doorknob, or those periodic yellow page book deliveries? Because you can't plan for every contingency, have someone in the area check your house periodically. Whether it's a neighbor or relative, nothing beats having a person check the premises every day or two while you're gone. Hey, while they're there, they can water the flowers for you.

Make Your Home Look Lived In.

An occupied home looks lived in. Lights go on and off, and cars come and go. When you're away, everything stops. To help create the illusion that the residence is still occupied, invest in timers that turn on the interior lights for a few hours every evening. If you can get a neighbor to take out your garbage and put the cans back after the garbage pickup, it's another way to send the message that everything is proceeding normally at your house.

Keep the Landscape Trimmed

If you're a diligent homeowner who mows his lawn every week, and things start to look overgrown and neglected, it's easy to come to the conclusion that you're not around. If you plan on being away for an extended period of time, hire someone to take care of the landscaping chores in your absence.

Lock your windows, as well as your doors.

This seems so obvious, but hey, it's easy to forget. If you keep a window unlocked to allow the cat easy access, or never bother to turn the deadbolt on the kitchen door, now's the time to clean up your act. Locking your home makes it less attractive to opportunistic burglars. If you don't make it easy, there's a better chance that when you get home, your house will be in the same condition as when you left it.

Don't Project Your Moves

Sure, you're excited about your vacation. But don't post the news for the whole world to see. Show some caution when you talk about your trip. Your blog isn't the best place to announce that you'll be away from home for a month. Being aware of who's around when you discuss your trip in restaurants and even at work isn't a bad idea either. Make sure that your children are discreet, too. No one is saying that you should be suspicious of everyone you meet, but even a chance remark has the potential to lead to unintended and unfortunate consequences. The less information you put out there, the less likely it is to reach the wrong ears and eyes.

Pull the Plug on Electronics

Your unattended GPS can give thieves a map to your home.

Disconnecting the power to some of your electronics, like your desktop computer, coffee pot and television can save you money while you're gone and eliminate the worry that you've accidentally left them on by mistake. Turning off your garage door is also an effective way to keep thieves from opening it with a universal remote. Oh, and don't leave a portable GPS in your car when you use long-term parking at the airport. It'll alert thieves that you're not home and give them a convenient map to your house.

Install Added Security Features

Installing a home security system or even just exterior lights that run on timers is a good way to ramp up security around the old homestead and make your house safer whether you're around or not. One of the nice things about these features is that they're working when you're awake, asleep, on vacation or hosting an outdoor barbecue. They fade into the background as far as you're concerned, but still make your property less attractive to opportunistic thieves.



School is out.

Summer is here. **PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!** If you have teens driving
Please also emphasize to them, **“NO TEXTING OR OTHER DISTRACTIONS
WHILE DRIVING, BUCKLE UP, AND OBEY THE
TRAFFIC LAWS.**

