

# INVERNEWS

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**JUNE 2017**

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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 in the parlor of CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 6101 Grelot Rd, Mobile, AL 36609. Our next meeting however will be held on August 15, 2017 due to board member scheduling conflicts. A notification sign will be posted at the front of the neighborhood before meetings are held. 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 2017 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.





## YARD OF THE MONTH

April 2017

6528 Charingwood Drive N.



May 2017

6413 Glasgow Court



June 2017

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**

**A new directory for Inverness is almost complete.**

**We contracted a tree service to trim the trees and spruce up the shrubs along the boulevard.**

**The baby pool was re-plastered. We will have to do the same to the large pool sometime next year.**

**New cameras have been selected and have yet to be installed.**

**Thursday night tennis lessons were started.**

**The tennis courts have been cleaned up.**

**Some used nets have been donated to Inverness. They will be installed soon to replace our well worn nets.**

**We are looking to repaint the rusted chain link fencing using volunteers.**

**We are looking into how to proceed to do other needed maintenance to the courts.**

**We have taken bids and decided on a new landscaper for our common areas. SOUTHERN APPEAL is the name of the company we decided to go with. They will assume the job as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

**We are shopping for new pool umbrellas.**

**The neighborhood barbeque was a success. We had approximately 170 attendees.**

**We hope everyone that attended enjoyed the food, entertainment, and hanging out with their neighbors.**

**Thanks to Dale Gudeman for organizing the event.**

**If you missed it, be sure to try and attend the "SPLASH INTO SUMMER VACATION CELEBRATION" on June 9, 2017 at the Inverness pool.**

Thanks to Councilwoman Bess Rich for the new paving in our neighborhood.



Which brings us to a friendly reminder. School is out. Summer is here. **PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!** If you have teens driving Please also emphasis to them, **“NO TEXTING OR OTHER DISTRACTIONS WHILE DRIVING, BUCKLE UP, AND OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS.**





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 petunias.

### 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.

# MOBILE BAY

**So we have one of the top ten streets in Mobile, according to the February 2017 issue of MOBILE BAY MAGAZINE. The link to the entire article is below.**

<http://www.mobilebaymag.com/Mobile-Bay/February-2017/In-the-Neighborhood/>

**Below are some excerpts from the article written by Emmett Burnett  
In The Neighborhood**

**“Home is where the heart is, and hearts reside on the roads we call home. Some are known for beauty, others denote charm and a few exemplify uniqueness. Here, find 10 of Mobile’s top streets, in no particular order.”**

## **“INVERNESS COOL BY THE POOL”**

**“Charingwood Drive is a main road of Inverness. It loops through rolling hills around 144 houses in a picturesque West Mobile subdivision. Residents dive in — literally.”**

**Inverness self-owns and operates a for-residents-only swimming pool. It also has community-owned tennis courts, year-round social events and “Front Porch Fridays.”**

**“On select Fridays, usually in the summer, neighbors host lemonade and cookies for each other,” says the community’s Homeowners Association President Gayle Agee. “But we have something going on all year.” Within minutes of restaurants, parks and the airport, one may commute anywhere from here. But why? Inverness may be just off Hillcrest Road, but residents don’t worry about car lines. They’re at the poolside, working on tan lines. Inverness is a good place to be.”**





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**VOTING IS OPEN UNTIL JUNE 25**

