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Quarterly Quote

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

Winston Churchill

EASTER EGG HUNT IN TOWN SQUARE



March 30, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Three age groups for hunting:

1-3 4-7 8-12

The Waters

3 Crescent Park

Pike Road, AL 36064-3843

(334) 272-3200

TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com

Event Host: The Easter Bunny!

Everything You Need To Know:

No later than Thursday, March 28, 2013 ~ please drop off at least one dozen filled eggs per child at The Waters Information Center (3 Crescent Park). Let's make this a H-A-P-P-Y hunt for everyone!

Note from the General Manager

I want to start this note by thanking each of you that took the time to attend the Annual Neighborhood Meeting and the Individual Neighborhood Meetings at The Chapel Hill Meeting House. The meetings allow homeowners and the Information Center staff time to discuss concerns, brainstorm new ideas and get to know each other a little better. Also, special thanks to the people who volunteered their time to serve as a Neighborhood Representative. The Neighborhood Representative position is a voluntary position. If you see your Representative, please tell him / her thank you for volunteering. The 2012-2013 Neighborhood Representative list is included in this newsletter.

If you missed any of The Assembly meetings and want to know what was discussed, please give me a call at the Information Center.

Attendance at all of the community events has grown over the past year allowing more people to get out and meet their neighbors. The Fall Festival was very successful and Santa at the Square received rave reviews. Thank you to the many volunteers that have worked so hard throughout the year at The Waters community events. We could not have done it without you. Be sure to check out the event list in this newsletter and mark your calendar accordingly.

A "Why Scoop the Poop" section has been added to this newsletter to address homeowner concerns regarding the continued issue of pet waste in the community. Please be courteous of your neighbors and "Scoop the Poop".

We have had a lot of inquiries about trash pick-up days for holidays. Unfortunately, Advanced Disposal does not have an annual holiday pick-up schedule that we can distribute. If you have a question about a holiday trash schedule, please call Advanced Disposal directly at 866-252-0458.

I hope everyone enjoyed The Pike Road Volunteer Fire Authority (PRVFA) Grand Opening. We are so happy to have the station at our entrance and very grateful to the volunteer firefighters. Enclosed, in this newsletter, is the PRVFA brochure with details about how you can become involved. If you have any questions about involvement please contact neighbors Andrew Gerachis (334) 391-3714 or Jack Jackson (334) 300-1690 for more information.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and had a Happy New Year.

Jennifer Atkins
General Manager

Why do we have Covenants and Restrictions?

Whether you are an original owner of a home in The Waters or you're a second or third owner, welcome to the community! The Waters is an exciting and vibrant place in which to live and the people here wish to make it an even better place to call home through continuing efforts to protect, maintain, and enhance property values.

Covenants and Restrictions have been set so that aesthetics, congruity, appearance, safety, etc. can be defined and written guidelines can be promulgated, in order to create an environment where all residents can live in harmony.

Your compliance with the Covenants and Restrictions is most important! If you have any questions about the Covenants and Restrictions, please contact The Waters Information Center at (334) 272-3200.

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Important Notices



Lost and Found

Have you lost or found something at The Waters? If so, please contact the Information Center at (334) 272-3200.

Caution in Construction Areas

For your safety, please stay out of all construction areas. If you see children playing at a construction site, please contact the Information Center at (334) 272-3200 or our Courtesy Officer Rodney Barrett at (334) 300-5159.

ARC Reminder

Once again it is time to remind homeowners who own boats, campers, or other recreational vehicles that the Covenants and Restrictions state: "No boat, boat trailer, house trailer, horse trailer, trailer, camper, recreational vehicle, motor home or any similar items shall be located on or at any lot for a period of time in excess of twenty four (24) hours, unless the same are stored in a carport or garage." Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Volunteer Today

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with any of The Waters Assembly seasonal activities (i.e. Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival), please contact the Information Center at (334) 272-3200.

Tired Trees

Over the past six months several dead trees have been removed from The Waters. It is always sad to lose a tree, but for safety reasons dead trees must be removed. If there is a tree in your yard that is dead or needs to be cut back, you should contact a tree service for trimming or removal.

Questions? Comments.

Did you know that The Waters Assembly has an email address for your comments and/or questions? TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com was set up for residents to correspond with The Waters Team about any items of concern or interest. We encourage you to email us with your input. We appreciate your input.

Street Lights

Light up our life by telling us when you see a street light that is out. Our courtesy officer provides us with light reports but we would appreciate you letting us know also. We know how important it is to keep the light bulbs, ballasts, etc. in working condition so we will appreciate your light reports. You can send us details on what lights are out at TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com or contact the Information Center at (334) 272-3200.

Neighbor, Neighbor, Who are Thee

There are several parcels of land that abut The Waters where ownership has changed and or might change in the near future. If you are interested in learning more about the status of adjacent properties, please call Jennifer Atkins at the Information Center for details. In addition, you can visit the Town of Pike Road Planning Commission meetings to hear details on plans as they are submitted.

Swimming Pool

The pool is officially closed for the season and we will reopen early spring. We will soon install a new key-lock system on the pool gates that will assist with keeping non-residents from using the pool. We will provide all Assembly Members with the gate code once the locks are installed.

County Clean-Up Days

To better serve our citizens, the Montgomery County Commission partners with Advanced Disposal to host Montgomery County Clean-Up Days. On the last Saturday of each month, citizens (sorry, NO CONTRACTORS) can take advantage of FREE garbage collection sites throughout Montgomery County. Representatives of Advanced Disposal will be on hand to help residents unload their vehicles. Please note that all Clean-Up Days fall on the last Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. There are two drop off locations for our area:

1. Georgia Washington Jr. High School
2. County Lot Office (Meriwether Road across from the Feed Lot)

First quarter drop off dates: January 28, February 25, and March 31

EVENTS

The Waters 2nd Annual Neighborhood Food Drive

February 1, 2013 until February 8, 2013

The barrels will be set up in the Mail Center. Your donation will help fill local and regional needs. All homeowners are encouraged to participate and help us to FILL THE FOOD BANK BARRELS with non-perishable food and toiletry items. Together, as a community, we can help feed the hungry. Please call the Information Center at (334) 272-3200 for more information.

The Waters Assembly Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Join your neighbors and hop on down to The Waters Assembly Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny looks forward to seeing you there! All ages are invited to attend. Please contact the Information Center at (334) 272-3200 or by email at TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com, if you are interested in volunteering your time to help with this year's Easter Egg Hunt.

Happenings in the Neighborhood

Valentine's Day Dance - Mark your calendars for Friday, February 15th, 2013. There will be a Valentine's Dance at the Chapel Hill Meeting House starting at 6:30! Steve Chambers will teach an easy dance that anyone can learn. There may be a friendly dance competition between neighborhood sections, so bring your dancing shoes! There will be a small charge. Mike and Sue Darnell are coordinating this event, and more information will follow.

Community Classifieds 2013

Want to offer a service to other Waters residents such as babysitting services or yard maintenance? Want to sell something? Want to buy something? If so, call the Information Center to add your listing to The Waters Classifieds. The cost for each listing is only \$10 per newsletter. A listing may contain no more than 35 words / numbers. All listings and payments must be submitted to the Information Center no later than the 1st of the months March, June, September, and December. The Waters Management, at its discretion, can deny listings by homeowners with delinquent accounts or listings with questionable content. (Payments must be made by check to The Waters Assembly and checks must be from a Waters resident.)

Chase's Lawn Care – Looking for a great lawn service? Contact Tommy or Chase Stephenson at chaseslawncare@knology.net or (334) 271-4460. Call or email for estimates for mowing, trimming, pine straw work, and/or exterior house cleaning.

Round of Applause for.....YOU

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time for events in The Waters last year. It would be impossible to name everyone who donated their time and skills to making the events so successful. You know who you are – you are truly appreciated. The events would not be possible without the support of the community. If you have ideas for new events or would like to volunteer to help with 2013 events, please email us at TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com.

You can advertise in The Waters Ledger!

If you are interested in advertising in the The Waters Ledger Newsletter, please contact the Information Center at 334-272-3200 or send an email to Dianne@TheWatersAL.com

Just One

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make a difference,
You see, it's up to you!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS E-MAIL LIST *Greetings Neighbors!*



The Information Center is currently working to update our e-mail list for homeowners who would like to be informed on a timely basis about things that are happening, upcoming events, special notices, and the like. We need your help.

We would love to have you join the list if you haven't already. If you are already on the list, we would like to ensure we have all of the email addresses that should receive notices.

Give us a call at (334) 272-3200 or you can send us an e-mail at TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com with your name and address and we will add you to our Neighborhood Mailing List. Please put "Master E-Mail List" in the subject line.

Dues Are Due

The Waters Assembly (Homeowners' Association) Annual Dues are due quarterly. Payments are due on or before the 15th of the beginning month of each quarter (January, April, July and October). All members will receive a coupon book for payment at the beginning of each year. **If you do not have a coupon to include with your payment, please write the Lot number and Address on your check.** If you do not receive a coupon book for the 2013, please contact Jane Bellsnyder at (205) 776-8860, ext. 115.

To better serve members of The Assembly, there are two payment options: (1) Checks can be mailed to **The Waters Assembly, P.O. Box 11407, Department 6171, Birmingham, AL 35246-6171.** (Please keep your cancelled check as your receipt for payment.) (2) Checks will be accepted at the Information Center during office hours (Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Assembly does not accept cash or credit/debit cards.)

The Assembly is enforcing all rights and remedies allowed for the collection of delinquent dues. Finance charges will be assessed on all delinquent accounts. To avoid finance charges, attorney's fees and other collection enforcements, dues should be paid in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding Assembly dues, please contact the Information Center at (334) 272-3200 or Jane Bellsnyder at (205) 776-8860.

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

We want to thank The Southeast Alabama Gas District for sponsoring the games at The Waters Fall Festival. There was fun for all at Town Square.

Protect Our Wildlife

Please leave only your footprints when visiting The Waters lakes. Please refrain from discarding your fishing line in the Lake or near the Lake's edge to insure no wildlife becomes entangled in the line.

How to Reserve The Waters Amenities or The Chapel Hill Meeting House for a Private Event

Call the Information Center at (334) 272-3200 or send an e-mail to TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com. If you are e-mailing your request, please put "Event Reservation" in the reference line.

Reservations will only be taken on Tuesdays through Fridays between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. On days other than those specified for reservations, you may e-mail your request or leave a message for a call-back. We request that reservations be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to the requested reservation date and reservations will not be taken more than 9 months in advance.

If the requested date and time are available a reservation will be made and you will be contacted on how to secure the reservation. (The Waters Management can deny rental by homeowners with delinquent accounts.)

The Waters 2012 - 2013 Neighborhood Representatives

The Neighborhood Representatives serve as a liaison between the Members of the Association in their neighborhoods and the Officers and Directors of the Association. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about your neighborhood, please contact your Neighborhood Representative via e-mail or telephone.

Neighborhood A - Vic Bradsher
Cell: (334) 324-1589
Email Address: bradsher6@knology.net

Neighborhood C - Jason Wingate
Cell: (334) 239-1269
Email Address: juliusjwingate@hotmail.com

Neighborhood E - Kale Kirkland
Cell: (334) 391-1719
Email Address: kalekirk1734@gmail.com

Neighborhood B - Walter Corbitt
Cell: (334) 318-1792
Email Address: wcorbitt56@gmail.com

Neighborhood D - Randy Montz
Home: (334) 279-8616
Cell: (334) 549-2650
Email Address: rpmontz65@gmail.com

Neighborhood TN-1 - Durward Henderson
Cell: (334) 399-0737
Email Address: hidurward@live.com

If you are unsure of which Neighborhood Designation your property is in, please contact the Information Center at (334) 272-3200.

Town of Pike Road Meeting Schedule.....

Town Council Meetings

The Pike Road Town Council meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 a.m.** Meetings are held in the council chamber at Pike Road Town Hall.

Planning Commission Meetings

The Pike Road Planning Commission meets the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m.** Meetings are held in the council chamber at Pike Road Town Hall.

Board of Zoning Adjustment

In the event that there are items for consideration, the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) will meet on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Pike Road Town Hall. Notice of an upcoming meeting of the BZA is posted ten days in advance in several locations, including the bulletin boards on the exterior of both the Old Town Hall and the current Town Hall.



** The Town of Pike Road observes federal holidays. In the case that a town council and/or planning commission meeting falls on one of these holidays, the meeting(s) will be moved to the following business day.

Town council, planning commission and BZA meeting agendas are posted online (<http://www.pikeroad.us>) by noon the business day prior to the meetings.

"Scoop The Poop"

The Importance of Cleaning Up Pet Waste

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff <http://www.drsfostersmith.com/pic/article.cfm?aid=525>



Dealing with pet waste is one of those topics that every pet owner must deal with but no one likes to talk about. The fact is that the majority of community and neighborhood pet problems result from the inappropriate handling of pet waste. In addition, pet waste is the greatest source of potential health risk for your pet and your family. This article will highlight the five most important reasons to properly dispose of pet waste and will also give you some tips and products to make this chore easier.

Disease Control

There are several very common diseases that can be transmitted to dogs, cats and people through feces. These include Giardia, roundworms, hookworms, Salmonella, and E.coli. Did you know a heavily infected puppy can pass over a million roundworm eggs every day? In addition, your dog can spread or contract parvovirus or coronavirus through infected feces. All of these diseases are very serious and common and every effort should be made by pet owners to keep their pets and family away from potentially infected feces. One of the easiest ways to do this is to install an in-ground stool digester like the Doggie Dooley. These digesters work like mini septic systems, safely breaking down feces and then allowing the residue to harmlessly sink into the surrounding soil. These handy little gadgets are one of the best ways to deal with dog or cat waste.

Make your Yard more Useable

Nobody likes to walk through a yard that is hiding "doggie land mines." If you and your children are afraid to use your yard because of the dog, then you are wasting one of your biggest time and financial investments. In addition, the pets will get less interactive exercise and suffer as well. Once or twice a day 'scooping' off your yard with a shovel or scooper pan will only take a couple of minutes and make it a place where everyone enjoys spending time.

Fly Control

Flies will consume and lay eggs in feces. These same flies will then come into your house and then spread disease as they pause on your counter and food. Need we say more about keeping feces cleaned up to prevent this cycle?

Responsible Pet Ownership

Your responsibility to clean up after your pet doesn't end when your dog leaves your yard. There are probably fewer things that aggravate neighbors more than a dog that 'goes' in their yard. Pet owners need to clean up after their pet every time they go to the bathroom. Period. No exceptions. If you are walking in the woods and your dog goes, then bury it. If you are in a park or neighborhood, pick it up with a plastic bag or a Dispoz-a-Scoop. If you don't have a yard, then walk your dog on a leash or get an electronic fence. Don't make your responsibility somebody else's problem. http://www.drsfostersmith.com/product/prod_display.cfm?pcatid=19133 Preventing

Stool Eating

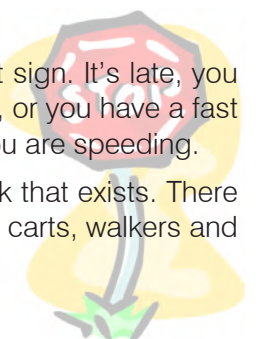
While most dog owners think this doesn't apply to them or their dog, the shocking truth is that most dogs will engage in this unsavory practice at some point in their life. Dogs evolved as carnivore/scavengers and feces were considered fair game in lean times. To prevent this occasional indiscretion from becoming a life-long habit, clean up feces as soon as possible, especially in young dogs where the problem is most prevalent. At the first sign of this bad habit consider adding an oral product like Dis-Taste® to your dog's food to decrease the palatability of the stools.

Safety First

It is something that we all probably have done - drive a little faster than the posted speed limit sign. It's late, you are in a hurry, you have something on your mind and don't really realize how fast you are going, or you have a fast tempo song on the radio and you start driving a little faster to match the music and suddenly you are speeding.

However, there are many dangers to speeding. Colliding with another vehicle isn't the only risk that exists. There is constant activity throughout the neighborhood, children on their bicycles, families in their golf carts, walkers and joggers.

So slow down!! Please be cautious and respectful and drive the 18 mph speed limit.



Important Numbers

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| • The Waters Sales & Information Center | 334-272-3200 |
| • Rodney Barrett, The Waters Courtesy Officer | 334-300-5159 |
| • Montgomery County Animal Control | 334-409-0622 |
| • Alabama Power Service Interruption | 800-888-2726 |
| • Dixie Electric Service Interruption | 888-349-4332 |
| • Advanced Disposal (Trash Pick Up) | 866-252-0458 |
| • Town of Pike Road – Town Hall | 334-272-9883 |
| • Montgomery County Sheriff's Non-Emergency | 334-832-1339 |



10 Essential Health Tips (The Basics to Practice Every Day)

1. Move More – Make it a daily challenge to find ways to move your body.
2. Cut Fat – Avoid the obvious such as fried foods, burgers and other fatty meats.
3. Quit Smoking – In 1960 the Surgeon General announced that smoking is harmful to your health.
4. Reduce Stress – Think positive thoughts; spend 30 minutes a day doing something you like to do.
5. Protect Yourself from Pollution – Avoid smoke filled rooms, high traffic areas, breathing in highway fumes and other pollutants.
6. Wear Your Seat Belt – Statistics show that seatbelts add to longevity and help alleviate potential injuries in car crashes.
7. Floss Your Teeth – Recent studies make a direct connection between longevity and teeth flossing.
8. Avoid Excessive Drinking – Excessive drinking can cause numerous health problems like liver and kidney disease and cancer.
9. Keep a Positive Mental Outlook – There is a definite connection between living well and healthfully and having a cheerful outlook on life.
10. Choose Your Parents Well – The link between genetics and health is a powerful one.

Source: *Health & Fitness Tips*

From the ground up....by Andrew Gerachis

The first in a series

Properly selected, trees set the tone in the landscape contributing to “sense of place.” Trees guide the eye down a path or street, frame views up close or in the distance and soften building lines. This has been one of the design goals of The Waters – to build a new community within the fabric of an existing landscape. One of the things that sets The Waters apart from other neighborhoods is that we are clearly seen as far more than a bunch of new houses just sprouting up in the middle of a cotton field.

Street tree selections at The Waters were drawn predominantly from the canvas of those tree species already present in the natural landscape. Those that have been planted are consistent in form, texture and color to what is already here. Indeed, over time it has become difficult to pick out what trees were planted in the median of the Avenue of The Waters and which were already there. Walking down Bright Spot Street the trees contribute to the feeling that the houses have been there for many years.

Our prairie soil is the most limiting factor in tree selection at The Waters. Not every tree species thrives in the heavy clay that is found here. In both nature and in our yards oaks are the predominant species, followed closely by hickory, elm, gum and hackberry. Even within those limited groups we enjoy tremendous diversity. The following publication from the Alabama Extension Service helps you to identify many of these trees <http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0509/ANR-0509.pdf>

Want to make a great selection for your own yard? The following list includes trees that are readily available from local nurseries and which can be found at The Waters. Those which are less common may be available as seedlings on Arbor Day, transplanted as small trees or started from seed.

In the oak family, consider planting willow oak, shumard oak, overcup oak, nuttall oak, bur oak, sawtooth oak or swamp white oak in your yard. Not widely available, black gum is well adapted to wet sites and sports glossy red foliage in early fall. Shagbark, pignut and mockernut hickories sport buttery yellow foliage in fall and can easily be started from seed. Chinese elms such as ‘Allee,’ ‘Bosque’ and ‘Drake’ grow well in the neighborhood and are great climbing trees for kids. Our state tree, the longleaf pine is beautiful as a young tree and majestic as a mature tree. In summary, there are a number of wonderful choices for trees in your yard. Andrew Gerachis, a resident of The Waters, is a former extension agent with VA Cooperative Extension and spends much of his free time growing “green stuff” in his garden on the Avenue of The Waters.