



August 2021

### From the President - August 2021

Hi LC neighbors! I hope your August is off to a great start! I'm going to keep it short today and try to focus on the notes and reminders below but I just wanted to say...thank you again for all you do as homeowners! We live in a great neighborhood thanks to the collective of people we have. Amy and I feel lucky every day to be part of a great community. We have met our closest friends (more like family) here and have spent the last 7 years enjoying the great things Lee's Crossing has offered. Here's to many more!

#### A couple notes and reminders...

**Social Events and Clubhouse** - Our first social gathering in more than a year was a huge success! Thank you to our Social Chair Carly Harden and our Director John Branham for coordinating the event. We anticipate more throughout the year but... are in desperate need of volunteers. Please, please...PLEASE...reach out to Carly at <a href="mailto:carlymharden@gmail.com">carlymharden@gmail.com</a> or John at <a href="mailto:iohnabranham@hotmail.com">iohnabranham@hotmail.com</a> if you would be interested in helping organize or volunteer at an upcoming function. We need and welcome your support!

UPDATE!...The clubhouse will be available for rentals and use starting August 1. Please contact Chad Ellis at ellisutigers@gmail.com for the updated rental documents and procedures.

**Pool Life** - Pool life in the LC seems to have been a huge hit this season! Barely an empty chair in sight. As we move on to the start of the school season, our hours will have a normal adjustment. **Monday through Thursday will be 4-8pm, Friday will be 4-9pm, and Saturdays and Sundays will remain the same at 11-9pm for Saturday and 12-8pm for Sunday.** As always, we will try our best to keep the pool open later in the year but it will be based on lifeguard availability. A quick note...all personal items left at the pool will be removed on Sunday nights after the pool closes. Please keep that in mind and take your belongings with you when you leave. Thanks!

**Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions** - As you know, Lee's Crossing is a covenant controlled neighborhood with architectural standards and restrictions. If you're thinking of doing **any work** to the exterior of the home (yard, trees, paint, door, etc.), it's always best to just email the Property Manager Judi Floyd at <a href="mailto:iffloyd1035@gmail.com">iffloyd1035@gmail.com</a> and ask what is needed. It creates a lot less trouble for the future!

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**ACC Revisions** - From time to time we update our standards with new policies or procedures. There has been an update to the standards regarding **Landscaping**, **Lawn Maintenance and Gardens**. Please visit the ACC Guidelines here to see the most up to date version ... <u>Architectural Controls and Community Guidelines</u> and see the article below for the precise changes.

**Traffic** - I try to continue to push this every month. Please, please, PLEASE drive safely through the neighborhood. We have so many kids, dogs, cats, deer and what have you. It takes only a split second for a horrible accident to happen that can be life changing for many. School is back as well and there are kiddos everywhere! If you have teen drivers, please mention to them to drive safe and slow through the neighborhood. **"SLOW DOWN! Phone down! Eyes up!".** Let's continue this push for 2021!

**Upcoming Board Meetings** - Our board meetings are always open to our residents. Your feedback and input have helped this neighborhood flourish and become one of Marietta's most sought after communities for almost four decades. We meet the **2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse**. Any adjustments to that schedule will be announced prior. Please remember, bring positivity and creativeness and work to be part of any solution.

Thank you all again for your help and understanding on the above matters. One more note...If you haven't yet, please request approval to join the official Facebook page for Lee's Crossing located at <a href="LCHA Facebook Page">LCHA Facebook Page</a>. We are using this group more and more for our updates along with emails to our residents. We hope to see you there soon!

Phil

# WANT TO RENT THE CLUBHOUSE?

Its Official! The clubhouse is now available for rental and use! If you have any questions or would like to book the clubhouse, please call or e-mail Chad Ellis at 678-907-1227 or <a href="mailto:ellisutigers@gmail.com">ellisutigers@gmail.com</a>.





### Landscaping, Lawn Maintenance and Gardens

Changes to landscaping must be approved by the Property Manager who shall consider if the amount and character of the planned landscaping conforms to the precedent set in the neighborhood. Specific diagrams and details must accompany requests for landscaping changes. Landscaping must relate to the existing terrain and natural features of the Lot and should utilize plant materials that are commonly found in the Southeastern United States.

The design, construction, and installation of planting islands, structures, statuary, fountains, and other similar decorative items must also receive prior approval of the Property Manager. Landscape benches and sculpture must fit naturally into the topography of the Lot and must be located to provide minimal visual impact to surrounding properties and streets.

Maintaining and caring for the grounds of each Lot (whether improved or unimproved), including, but not limited to, trees, shrubs, grass and walks, must be performed on a routine basis. Lawns are to be seeded, watered, and mowed (normally once per week in growing season) so that they do not detract from the overall appearance of the neighborhood in the opinion of the Property Manager. Lawns are to be edged where the lawn meets the driveway, sidewalk, or street. Front lawns may not be "natural" but must consist of grass and neatly defined, weeded, edged and mulched beds. For the purpose of these standards, mulch is defined as pine straw, chipped bark, shredded or chipped wood. Shredded or chipped wood or bark shall be natural in color or shall be dyed tan, brown, dark green, dark orange, cedar red or black. If a resident desires to use other bedcover materials, such as ground rubber (dyed the same colors as the chipped wood) or earth toned river gravel (not to exceed #57 in size), then the resident must apply in advance to the Property Manager who may approve at his or her discretion. The use of river gravel or ground rubber as bedcover requires an edging material to prevent the distribution of this material beyond the perimeter of the bed. The use of chipped slate, crusher run, ground white marble or other similar products will not be approved as bedcover. Notwithstanding the above, upon the prior approval of the Property Manager or Board, rock or stone of varying sizes may be used as a border around beds and or used to inhibit erosion in areas with problematic drainage issues.

Changes to the grade of a lot requires Property Manager approval, and such changes must not adversely affect drainage to neighboring lots. Severe erosion or sinking of the ground that creates an unsightly and / or dangerous condition must be promptly corrected by the Owner.

Trees, hedges, and shrubbery throughout the lot should be pruned so as to maintain an attractive appearance of the lot and home. The owner may be required to remove trees, hedges and shrubs that, in the judgment of the Property Manager, are too overgrown or too dense to be effectively pruned.

Foundation plants in front of a home are required and must be pruned so as to frame the doors and windows of the home – not to obscure. Foundation plants and plants in window boxes should ideally not obscure any part of front windows or doors but at a minimum, such plants should be pruned so as not to block front doors or the upper 2/3rds of the front windows when

viewed from the street. Plants in front of railings on front porches should be pruned so that the tops of the railings are visible when viewed from the street. Plantings around mailboxes must be neatly maintained and must be pruned so that the box and the number placard are easily visible.

Healthy hardwood trees measuring six (6)" or more in diameter at a point two (2) feet above ground level, flowering trees, shrubs or evergreens (excluding pine trees) may not be removed, radically pruned or trimmed on any lot without prior approval of the Property Manager, unless located within ten (10) feet of the primary dwelling. Pine trees may be removed at the Owner's discretion.

Although it is permissible to remove diseased, damaged and dead trees without approval of the Property Manager, it would be advisable to discuss the removal of such trees with immediate neighbors to prevent misunderstandings. Additionally, pictures must be provided to the Property Manager to verify that any removed trees were in fact dead, damaged or diseased. The Association may require that dead, damaged or diseased trees be replaced with other trees or landscaping.

Owners may use netting and other means to protect plants from foraging deer, but plant cages shall not be used, except in back yards.

There is no approval necessary to plant or maintain one live flower and or one vegetable garden in the backyard as long as its use is only for the homeowner, not commercial in nature and does not exceed fifteen feet by fifteen feet in size (larger gardens require approval). Vegetable gardens will not be approved in front yards.





## **Upcoming Neighborhood Party Dates**







### Calendar of Events - In August in and Around the Marietta Square





For more information on these and other events, please go to the City of Marietta's website: https://www.visitmariettaga.com/events/2021-08/

## **Neighborhood Notaries**



Greg Amaden Lee's Trace 404-216-5879 Angela G. Ford Lee's Trace 678-234-7430 Carolyn Richardson Cedar Branch Court 770-427-9900 Frank Harris Idlewyld 404-580-9463

If you are a Notary and are willing to help out your neighbors, please send your name and phone number to <a href="mailto:leescrossingmariettaga@gmail.com">leescrossingmariettaga@gmail.com</a>

# DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the September Newsletter is August 28. Any submissions after this date cannot be guaranteed inclusion.

Newsletter Editor: Gary Baker e-mail: gjbaker1@comcast.net

The LCHA Newsletter, Facebook Page and Website are published and maintained for the benefit of Lee's Crossing homeowners. The purpose of the Newsletter, Facebook Page and Website is to promote Lee's Crossing and to provide our homeowners with information regarding Lee's Crossing activities and related issues. The homeowners have entrusted the LCHA Board of Directors with the obligation and right to ensure content conforms to this purpose. As such, articles or advertising endorsing political positions or candidates or other subject matter the Board deems to be divisive, offensive or inappropriate in nature will not be published or posted. All appropriate content is welcomed and encouraged as a means of furthering awareness and communication within our neighborhood.

Lee's Crossing Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/leescrossinghoa/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/leescrossinghoa/</a>

**Mailbox Repair**: If you need a new post call Bob Schoonover at 770-422-8774. Contact John Branham at 678-458-4781 for mailbox post paint or placards.

Clubhouse Rental: Call Chad Ellis at 678-907-1227 or e-mail ellisutigers@gmail.com

Tennis Court Reservations: <a href="https://www.holdmycourt.com/reserve2/lctc">www.holdmycourt.com/reserve2/lctc</a>

Clubhouse WiFi network Name/Password: lcswimtennis

**HOA Closing/Refinance Letters:** Please send all HOA closing/refinance letters directly to leescrossingmariettaga@gmail.com

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