



Monthly Newsletter

December 2015

President's Message

Our long-time Clubhouse Manager, Tricia Wilson, is retiring at the end of the year. Tricia has been incredibly diligent overseeing the scheduling of clubhouse events and maintaining the upkeep and cleanliness of our clubhouse for many years. The Board extends our thanks to Tricia for her many years of service to our community. Tricia is working with John Pratt, our new Clubhouse Manager, to ensure a seamless transition.

The Board has agreed to raise the clubhouse rental fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00, effective January 1, 2016, to ensure that we meet the costs of administration and maintenance of the clubhouse.

Please plan to attend the Cookie Exchange and Beer Swap on December 6 from 3:00PM-6:00PM. To participate in the beer exchange: bring 6 (or 12) and take a mix home to try. To participate in the cookie exchange: bring 2 dozen (or more) cookies (all the same kind) and take a mix of the same number home with you. There will be lots of holiday crafts and cookie decorating for the kids starting at 3:00. Snacks and beverages will be provided for both kids and adults.

The Lee's Crossing annual "Dollar on your Door" campaign will be held on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13. This is an opportunity for our neighborhood to thank our sanitary workers who work so hard over the year to collect our recyclables and garbage. Please plan to leave an envelope with your contribution on your door and volunteers will collect the contribution on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Thanks to Lisa Baker for coordinating the collections again this year.

On November 19, the Marietta Police Department Community Response Unit presented tips for creating a safe home and holiday season. The printed materials that were provided are included at the end of the newsletter.

The Marietta Police Department will conduct a seminar on how to plan for and react to an "active shooter" situation...*The Marietta Police Department invites you to attend an upcoming seminar on December 9th, 2015 at 6:00pm on how to react if you find yourself in the middle of an incident. The seminar is called "Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events" and will be held at the Marietta Performing Arts Center located at the Marietta High School. Attendees will receive instruction about how to prepare for and respond to being trapped inside a building during an active shooter event. There are several simple steps that those can take to assist law enforcement response and limit the number of potential victims accessible to the shooter. To RSVP for this event email containing your name, phone number and number of attendees to Officer Wallace at Kwallace@mariettaqa.gov.*

Joe Fenton

2016 - 2020 LCHA Proposed Budget

	Projected 2015	Budget 2016	Budget 2017	Budget 2018	Budget 2019	Budget 2020
Annual Assessment Fee	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360
Revenues						
Annual Assessment	146170	145080	145080	145080	145080	145080
Annual Assessment Late Fees	850	600	600	600	600	600
Clubhouse Rental	2270	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400
Interest	150	150	150	150	150	150
Old Liens	6126	0	0	0	0	0
Vending Machine	451	400	400	400	400	400
HOA Closing Letters	0	375	375	375	375	375
Total Revenues	156,017	150,005	150,005	150,005	150,005	150,005
Expenses						
Landscaping	25530	22000	22,440	22,889	23,347	23,814
Architectural Control Services	14400	14400	14,400	14,400	14,400	14,400
Administration	10163	10700	10,914	11,132	11,355	11,582
Insurance	6583	6700	6,834	6,971	7,110	7,252
Mailboxes and sign posts	360	552	563	574	586	598
Interest Expense on Loans	2999	2600	2,000	1,400	700	0
Legal	4,500	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Utilities	18970	19500	20,085	20,688	21,308	21,947
Social	9000	9500	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
Repairs	8500	12000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Pool Management	21328	21328	21,755	22,190	22,633	23,086
Swim Team	3050	3000	3,060	3,121	3,184	3,247
Total Expenses	125,383	128,280	129,551	130,864	132,123	133,426
Available for Capital Improvements and Reserves	30,634	21,725	20,454	19,141	17,882	16,579
Reserves & Capital Expenditures						
Reserves beginning of year	65,635	60,661	46,886	24,340	23,481	22,363
Increase	30,634	21,725	20,454	19,141	17,882	16,579
other capital expenditures	-7,445	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000
loan principal payments	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-9,000	0
resurface tennis courts					-4,000	
paint clubhouse		-2,500				
resurface pool*			-23,000			
pool deck repair & mushroom	-30,000					

pool furniture replacements	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	0	0
pool fencing	-13,000				

Reserves end of year	47,824	46,886	24,340	23,481	22,363	32,942
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Loan Balances

loan balance beginning of year	53,000	42,000	31,000	20,000	9,000	0
principal payment consolidated loan	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-11,000	-9,000	0

loan balance end of the year	42,000	31,000	20,000	9,000	0	0
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* Resurfacing may be done later than 2017 depending on the pool's condition.

Around the Neighborhood



Cookie Exchange and Beer Swap

**Sunday, December 6, 3:00-6:00 at LC Clubhouse
Lee's Crossing Cookie Exchange and Beer Swap
Neighborhood Nativity**

Join us for some neighborhood holiday cheer!

Cookie/Beer Exchange starts at 3.

To participate in the beer exchange: bring 6 (or 12) and take a mix home to try.

To participate in the cookie exchange: bring 2 dozen (or more) cookies (all the same kind) and take a mix of the same number home with you.

There will be lots of holiday crafts and cookie decorating for the kids starting at 3:00. Snacks and beverages will be provided for both kids and adults.

The annual Neighborhood Nativity will also take place during this event and will begin at 5.

Bring the kids early for crafts and dress rehearsal!

If you have not already done so, please contact Eileen Johnson if your child would like to participate.



Dollar on Your Door

Lee's Crossing's annual "Dollar on Your Door" fundraiser will take place on the weekend of December 12-13. This is our neighborhood's way to say "Thank You" to our sanitation workers during the holidays. Please leave your contribution in an envelope taped to your front door on either Saturday, December 12 or Sunday, December 13 by 3 p.m. Volunteers will collect your gifts between 3 and 5 p.m. each day. Thanks in advance for your help!

Lee's Crossing Men's Club

The LC Men's club meetings will be cancelled for November and December. We will meet again in January, at our usual date and time. Look for details in the January newsletter. We wish you Happy Holidays.

Christmas Week Garbage Pick Up Schedule

Normal Monday/Thursday pick up – Monday only

Normal Tuesday/Friday pick up – Tuesday only

Yard waste pick up - Wednesday



Upcoming Neighborhood Events - Mark Your Calendars

December 6

Christmas Cookie and Beer swap – See details in this newsletter



Clubhouse Rentals

If you have any questions or need to book the clubhouse, please call or e-mail Tricia Wilson at 770-428-8144 or triciaww@mindspring.com. In an effort to keep our Clubhouse clean and in the best condition, the rental deposit has increased to **\$250**. However, if you return the clubhouse after rental in its best condition, the entire deposit will be returned.

Neighborhood Notaries

Greg Amaden	Lee's Trace	770-429-9264
James Belrose	Lees Trace	770-794-9897
Melissa Drehs	Lee's Trace	216-392-1424
Brenda Fairbanks	Trailwood Lane	678-290-4810
Angela G. Ford	Lee's Trace	678-234-7430
Carolyn Richardson	Cedar Branch Court	770-427-9900
Cecilia E. White	Trailwood Lane	678-922-1933

If you are a Notary and are willing to help out your neighbors, please send your name and phone number to leescrossingmariettaga@gmail.com.

Classifieds

CLASSIFIED SUBMISSIONS: When submitting a classified ad, please use the format being used for the ads listed below. Pictures will not be printed. Please make sure to include contact information and state how long you wish the article to run. **All submissions will run ONE MONTH unless otherwise requested.**

Babysitting

My name is Lindsey Crowe. I am a senior at Marietta High School. I love children and animals. I work at Starbucks part-time but also babysit/pet sit. My contact info is: 678-756-2399

Babysitting

Rebecca Napier and Jessica Napier are both 13 years old and 'Safe Sitter Certified'! The girls are very good with children and will give 100% of their attention to your kids. They are trustworthy, reliable, loyal, responsible and looking for babysitting opportunities in Lee's Crossing! If interested, please contact their Mom to coordinate the job. Kelly Napier (Rebecca and Jessica's Mom) at (786) 897-1397

Around Town Calendar of Events – December

Day	Event
1-31	Marietta Square Winter Wonderland
3	Christmas Tree Lighting
4, 11, 18	Friday Evening Holiday Shopping
4 – 6	Georgia Ballet's "The Nutcracker"
4	"White Christmas & Small Works" Opening Night
4	Scary-etta Trolley Ghost Tour
5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20-24	Santa on the Square
5 – 7	Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour
5, 12, 19, 26	Marietta Square Farmer's Market
5, 12, 21	Gingerbread Social
5, 12, 19	Marietta Food Tour
5	GSO Holiday Pops
5	A Jolly Trolley Evening
6	Theatre in the Square presents "Jackie Kashian!"
8, 15, 22	Open Bluegrass Jam
9, 16, 23, 30	Trivia Nights
9	Museum Mice Tour
10 – 27	"A Christmas Carol"
11	"There's Christmas in the Air" – Holiday Concert
12	Sleighbells in the Square

12, 19, 26	Wine Tasting
13	Menorah Lighting
13 – 30	“Deep in the Heart of Tuna”
17 – 19	Nativity on the Square
23	LiveWell Marietta WellStar “Ask the Expert” Sleep Health

For more information on these and other events, please go to the City of Marietta’s website at <http://www.marietta.ga.gov/city/visitors/calendar>.

Neighborhood Business Spotlight

If you would like to tell your neighbors about your business or recommend someone else’s - business, please send us a **BRIEF** paragraph giving pertinent information along with contact information. Submissions will printed first come – first serve each month, based on space. Send your information to leescrossing@marietta.ga.gov. Note: Please keep descriptions to **ONE SHORT** paragraph in WORD format. Do not send brochures, flyers or pictures as they will not be published. **ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SENT TO EITHER leescrossingmarietta.ga.gov or to trevathan.angelia@gmail.com. NO SUCCESSIVE MONTHS.**

Business Spotlight:

I Recommend:

To receive newsletter by e-mail: send request to leescrossingmariettaga@gmail.com

For **ON-LINE EDITION**, go to www.leescrossingmariettaga.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the January 2016 Newsletter is Decemberr 28. Any submissions after this date cannot be guaranteed inclusion.

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The LCHA Newsletter and Website are published and maintained for the benefit of Lee's Crossing homeowners. The purpose of the Newsletter and the 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.

Mailbox Repair: If you need a new post call Bob Schoonover at 770-422-8774. Contact Shellie Evans at 404-405-5852 for mailbox post paint. For a mailbox number placard contact David Burke at david.burke@gmail.com.

Clubhouse Rental: Call Tricia Wilson at 770-428-8144 or e-mail triciaww@mindspring.com

Neighborhood Directories: Soft copies of the Neighborhood Directory are available in PDF format. Send request to leescrossingmariettaga@gmail.com.

Clubhouse WiFi network Name/Password: lcswimtennis

Tennis Court Reservations: www.holdmycourt.com/reserve2/lctc

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Fax – 770-794-5465

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www.mariettaga.gov

The Marietta Fire Department would like to help ensure your safety during this holiday season by offering a few safety tips to follow while decorating your home.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Check electrical extension cords for wear and make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Winter Vehicle Preparedness

- Extra winter clothing
- Blankets/ emergency blankets
- Food/MREs (3days)
- Water
- Medication(s)
- First aid kit
- Extra cell phone/battery (911 only)
- Flashlight/ extra batteries
- Battery powered radio
- Emergency flares
- Booster cables
- Tow chain/rope
- Empty gas can
- Windshield scraper/ defrosting spray
- Tools: multi-tool, pocket knife, shovel, auto-mechanical



Marietta Police Department

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"Dan Flynn, Chief of Police"

The holiday season may mean different things to people: time spent with family, holiday vacations, and even presents. To burglars, these characteristics can mean empty homes with vulnerable valuables, and often the opportunity to provide holiday presents to their own families.

The Marietta Police Department would like to remind people to be on their guard against burglars this holiday season and to take all necessary precautions to safeguard their houses.

- Take the time to trim back any bushes or trees that block visibility through your house. Check all of the entryways into your home (windows and doors) to make sure that they are secured. Secure any sliding glass doors with a lock and a dowel in the door track.
- If your home is equipped with an alarm system, make sure that you and your family are using it. Studies show that alarm systems and visible advertisements (stickers, lawn signs) are some of the best deterrents against burglars.
- If leaving your home for several hours to visit with friends and family or go shopping, find ways to make your house look occupied. Placing interior and exterior lights on timers or leaving on a radio or T.V. are some quick prevention methods.
- Exterior holiday lights do more than make your house look beautiful: they also light up the areas around windows and doors where burglars may lurk.
- Retain the receipts for all major purchases in a safe place. If possible, record the serial number of the property on the corresponding receipt or on another list for safekeeping. In the event that these items do get stolen, this record will maintain proof of the purchase and aid police in tracking down the stolen item.
- Be cautious about solicitors, especially during this time of year. A stop at your doorway may provide them the chance to scope the inside of your house for valuable items and map the layout for a later return.
- If ordering items to be delivered to the house, schedule them to be delivered at a time when you will be home and able to accept the package. Large packages left on doorsteps are susceptible to thieves passing through the neighborhood.
- Many people love to display a brightly-lit Christmas tree with presents around the skirt. If visible through a window or doorway, this can be tempting for burglars scouting the neighborhood. Reconsider hiding the presents in a secure place and placing them under the tree at the last minute.

"Policing With A Vision"

- Don't announce your new high-dollar purchases after the holidays. Break down the boxes of TVs, stereos, computers, etc. to fit inside of your trashcan. If possible, stagger the times that these boxes are placed in the trash.
- Don't advertise any trips away from your home or travel plans on online social networking sites. Broadcasting your absences lets people know that your house is unoccupied and vulnerable. Make sure that your children are doing the same and that they are careful about discussing travel plans with friends.
- In the event that you are traveling for the holidays, consider finding a trusted neighbor to protect your home in your absence. Have all mail and newspapers collected or have your services suspended. Provide a key to that person so that they can make your house look occupied, either by turning on lights, turning on the radio, or moving a car in the driveway.
- Notify your local police department that you will be away for an extended time period and provide the contact information for the neighbor who will be watching your home.
- If leaving a dog at home for the holidays, consider having a trusted neighbor, family member, or friend pet sit at the house instead of using a kennel. Dogs of all sizes (and barks!) can be a deterrent to burglars.