

Lee's Crossing

Monthly Newsletter

November 2007

From the President...

As we enter this Thanksgiving season, we all have much for which to be thankful – a wonderful neighborhood, a vibrant city and a great country.

A few important items to note in this month's newsletter-

- The Board of Directors election process will follow the same process as implemented last year in conjunction with 2008 assessments, please find in this newsletter an announcement about nominations for the 3 Director and Treasurer positions up for re-election. Nominations are due by November 30th for inclusion in the ballot to be distributed in mid-December.
- As mentioned in last month's newsletter, there is some consideration being given to the use of speed tables in our neighborhood to reduce vehicle speed exceeding the speed limit. Please see the related article on next steps.

There is always more to do than there is time during this time of year. But I suggest taking some time on Thanksgiving morning to support MUST Ministries at the Gobble Jog on the Marietta Square. A worthy jog for a good cause makes that afternoon turkey taste a lot better.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please give me a call.

Happy Thanksgiving,



Around the Neighborhood

Speed Tables Offered to Lee's Crossing by the City

Resident Approval Required

The City of Marietta is conducting a pilot program of installing speed tables in certain subdivisions for the purpose of slowing down drivers, who exceed the speed limit, in those neighborhoods. The City is offering Lee's Crossing two such speed tables, without charge to the neighborhood, providing the residents indicate their "buy-in" by a substantial vote of the residents in favor of installing the speed tables. If the program is successful, more speed tables may be subsequently offered.

A speed table covers most of the width of the road, is approximately four to six inches high, and is approximately twenty-two feet from front to back with sloped areas six feet long on the front and back and a flat top approximately ten feet long. Not to be confused with a speed bump, speed tables can be comfortably driven across our speed limit of 25 mph. Driving across at higher speeds is quite noisy and uncomfortable and, if the speeds are high enough, can damage the suspension and undercarriage.

The decision to accept the City program is up to the residents. The Board's support for this program is based on both personal observations and numerous complaints received from residents regarding the high speeds of certain drivers in the neighborhood.

Lee's Crossing homeowners will find this issue on the Board of Directors ballot to be returned with your 2008 Association dues, and the Board asks that you carefully consider the issue and vote.

Reasons to be for Speed Tables:

- 1) Speed tables can be traversed comfortably at the speed limit (25 mph) and any inconvenience is largely imposed on those who refuse to obey the speed limits.
- 2) Speed tables do lower speeds where they are installed. We currently hear complaints of drivers going as much as 50+ mph on the long stretches of Lee's Trace. A car traveling at just 30 mph requires an additional 24 feet to stop vs. traveling at 25 mph. Traffic that observes our 25 mph speed limit is an obvious safety benefit to our residents.
- 3) The presence of speed tables may lessen the volume of traffic cutting through our neighborhood from Dallas Highway through Battleview.
- 4) Numerous studies conclude that speed related accidents decline substantially where speed tables are installed. (See www.trafficcalming.org)
- 5) Unlike occasional police presence and radar signs, speed tables are effective 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- 6) The cost of installation and maintenance is to be borne by the City.

Reasons to be Against Speed Tables:

- 1) Vehicle damage may occur by driving over the speed table at excessive speeds.
- 2) A driver who ignores the warning sign and hits a speed table a very high rate of speed may lose control of the car and crash, injuring himself and, possibly, others.
- 3) Emergency vehicles are forced to drive the speed limit over the speed tables. Studies indicate that a 50,000 lb. fire truck will be delayed 3 to 5 seconds for every speed table crossed (a likely total delay to the back of the neighborhood of 6 to 10 seconds). The fire chief in Marietta is opposed to speed tables. While Marietta currently has no speed tables, Cobb County has 500+ and the county fire chief is not opposed. The Marietta Police Chief is also not opposed.
- 4) Drivers of low slung, exotic cars may need to use extra care traversing a speed table. However such cars should have less difficulty with speed tables than the more steeply angled curbs to driveways.
- 5) The speed table accompanied by a warning sign on each side of the road is, to some, visually unattractive.

Evidence shows speed tables do slow down drivers exceeding the speed limit and will, all things considered, make our neighborhood safer for pedestrians, joggers, bikers, and kids walking home from school or enjoying a bike ride. Each resident should consider if this benefit is more or less important than the inconvenience imposed by having to slow down.

Nominations for the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors for the Lee's Crossing Homes Association consists of seven individuals elected by the members of the Association, six who serve staggered two-year terms and one who serves an annual term as Treasurer.

This February, homeowners will elect three Directors for two-year terms and the Treasurer for a one-year term, with all terms beginning March 1, 2008. The Directors currently occupying these seats are Erroll Eckford, Noel Follrath and Jim Martin. Each of these individuals has agreed to serve another term if re-elected. The current Treasurer is Rob Ottley, and he will not seek another term.

Individual resident homeowners who are in good standing with the Association and who consent to serve as a Director or Treasurer may have their name submitted to the nominating committee for inclusion on the ballot. Nominees must be current on all assessments, must pay their 2008 assessments by the close of balloting on February 20, 2008 and must not be subject to any unsatisfied Association fines or liens.

The nominating committee consists of Kevin Brown, Walt Walker, and Steve Young. Nominations must be in writing and must be received by the committee on or before November 30th. Nominations should be mailed to the attention of the nominating committee at P.O. Box 1013, Marietta, GA 30061.



New Year's Eve Party

New Year's Eve is just around the corner. We will have a casino party with dancing again this year. You may purchase discounted tickets for \$10 per person right now! Ticket price will go up as we get closer to the BIG event! Put a check, along with the printed name and address of each attendee in an envelope and put in mailbox at 1055 Chestnut Hill Circle.

Thanksgiving Week Trash Pickup Schedule

Garbage	Monday and Thursday	Monday (1 Day Only)
	Tuesday and Friday	Tuesday (1 Day Only)
Brush/Yard Waste	Wednesday	Wednesday
Newspaper	Thursday and Friday	No newspaper pick-up
Recycling	No Service on Thursday	Routes delayed one day Friday and Saturday

Expanded State Watering Ban

NOTE: The City of Marietta, like most of North Georgia is under a **COMPLETE OUTDOOR WATERING BAN**. Please be a good neighbor and honor this ban. Fines are hefty for those who choose to water their lawns anyway.

Warnings are issued for a first offense. Subsequent offenses result in escalating fines for each offense up to \$500, water service disconnection and prosecution.

The following tips are from the website of Conserve Water Georgia (conserwatergeorgia.net)

- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry
- Take a shower rather than a bath (shorten showers to 5 minutes)
- Think before you flush (every flush uses between 2 to 7 gallons of water) – consider installing low-flow toilets
- Fix leaks
- Turn off lights when you are not in the room & cut air/heat back when you are gone (electricity production uses water)

- Defrost overnight in refrigerator, in microwave, or in a bowl of water rather than running water over food until it thaws
- Limit dishwasher to full loads only or hand wash
- Reuse clean household water. Collect the water you run waiting for hot water to use for cleaning, plants, pet water, or other miscellaneous uses around the house
- Avoid using the garbage disposal. (Or use left over dish water)
- Use a glass for rinse water when brushing teeth instead of letting water run
- Use an electric razor

If you have any water conservation ideas, send them to www.leescrossing@comcast.net. We will try to use them in upcoming newsletters as space permits.



2007 Gobble Jog on the Square

The Gobble Jog is a Thanksgiving Day event featuring a 1K, 5K, a 10K run/walk and the Tot Trot (for kids 5 and under). **The Gobble Jog is certified as a qualifier for seeding in the Peachtree Road Race and the US 10K Classic.**

Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2007 on the Historic Marietta Square for this great cause! All proceeds benefit [MUST Ministries](http://www.mustministries.org), a faith-based, non-profit organization ministering to the homeless and hurting in our community.

See www.gobblejog.org to obtain more information or register.



Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to welcome the following to the neighborhood:

George & Rosemary Beggs
 Frasure Hunter
 Wesley Parrish

1212 Fielding Court
 1090 Chestnut Hill Circle
 569 Lee's Trace



REMINDER - HOLIDAY PARTIES

The Holidays are fast approaching. IF you want to use the clubhouse, remember to book your party early. For Holiday rentals between Thanksgiving and January 2nd, cancellations within 90 days of the date will be subject to forfeiture of the fee. The rental fee and deposit must be paid at time of rental to confirm the date. Call Debbie Kelleher 678-354-7042.



Mailbox Post Cleaning and Painting

Our neighbor, Walter Dean, has graciously volunteered to clean and paint the mailbox post of anyone in Lee's Crossing who needs this work done. This is a no charge service. If you would like to schedule a time for Walter to do this work at your home, please call him at 404-862-3895.

Neighborhood Notaries:

Greg Amaden	Lee's Trace	770-429-9264
Angela G. Ford	Lee's Trace	678-234-7430
David Hardy	Harrowgrove Court	770-427-6319
Rebecca Jordan	Cedar Branch Court	770-427-1935
Carolyn Richardson	Cedar Branch Court	770-427-9900
Barbara Stubbs	Trailwood Lane	770-425-6991
Angelia Trevathan	Basil Court	770-528-9052
Margaret H. Waldrep	Chestnut Hill Circle	770-514-0821
Cecilia E. White	Trailwood Lane	678-797-6209

If you are a Notary and are willing to help out your neighbors, please send your name and phone number to leescrossing@comcast.net. We will publish these in upcoming newsletters as a service to the neighborhood.

Classifieds

For Sale

Condo at UGA for sale. Great for your college student. Next to campus and on the UGA bus line. Very safe location. Two large bedrooms, with 1 double bath and a ½ bath downstairs.

New this year: HVAC, carpet, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal, and paint. Has its own washer and dryer. Other condos in same association selling from \$88K-\$92K. Will sell for \$86K. Three of my children lived in this Condo. Great investment. Call Vic at (770) 427-2586. The Condo is currently rented through December.

Babysitting Available

Resident of Lee`s Crossing would like to babysit a 18-24 month child 3-4 days a week from 8a.m.to 5-30 pm. I am a Mom of a 21 month old son and have a University degree in Pshychopedagogy, which means I have knowledge in early child age development. I also received CPR training in December of 2005. Contact Diana Costin at 404-242-7175.

For Sale

Exercise bike. Ridden briefly by pudgy old man. Almost like new. \$35. Mike Mullins, 770-423-1635.

For Sale

Nearly new **beautiful white changing table**, never used - complete with changing pad, safety strap and pad cover. Solid wood, spindle rails, two shelves. We had another one downstairs, so this one was never used. Original cost - over \$100.00. Asking \$45.00 for all pieces. 770-514-9722

For Sale

Chippendale Sofa - Ivory damask fabric in excellent condition. Eight-way hand tied construction with hardwood frame. At 76 inches long this sofa is a great piece for a smaller living room or even the sitting room of a bedroom. \$500.

Antique English Burlled Walnut Wardrobe - Beautiful condition. Inside there is a bar for hanging clothes on one side and open shelves on the other side. At the bottom there are 2 drawers. A beautiful storage piece. Size is 72"t x 37"w x 21"d \$550.

If interested contact Joyce at 770-919-9473 or 678-640-6249.

For Sale

Large, traditional glass top coffee table. Cherry finish, excellent condition. \$75.00 or BEST OFFER Call Robin or Max Stafford at 770-420-0587 or 678-429-1946.

Marietta Charter School Uniforms

If you have a child attending the Marietta Charter School, I have some boys uniform shirts and a jacket that you may have. Not sure of the size exactly but they'd fit most Kindergarteners, normal 1st graders, maybe 2nd graders, and small 3rd grader. Call or email Beth Garrett if your interested at 770-425-8970, bgarrett@lovett.org.

Pet Sitting & Baby Sitting

Pet sitting and babysitting done by a 16 year old with lots of experience. Please call Audrey Coots (770) 426-7652.

NOTE: When submitting classified ads, please make sure to submit contact information as well as how long you would like for the classified to run (i.e., one issue, two issues, etc.). Thanks.

Calendar of Events Around the Neighborhood and Around Town

11/11-12/30		Sweet Apple Christmas	Theatre in the Square
11/11	3:00 pm – 5:00pm	Veterans Day Parade	Marietta Square
11/20-12/30		Sanders Family Christmas	Theatre in the Square
11/22	7:00am – 10:00am	Gobble Jog	Marietta Square
11/29	5:00pm – 8:00pm	Christmas in the Square	Marietta Square

You can receive weekly updates on happenings in the city by subscribing to the Marietta e-news. Go to <http://www.marietta.ga.gov/news/subscribe.aspx> for further information and to sign up!

Around Town



Holiday Market: Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Holiday market, bake sale and silent auction. More than 30 vendors selling unique holiday creations, decorative items, embroidery, creative children’s gifts, original jewelry, crafts, hand painted treasures, gift baskets and more! A **Silent Auction** will offer items from local restaurants, get-a-ways, golf packages, sports memorabilia, and many other fabulous gifts! Due West United Methodist Church, Family Life Center, 3956 Due West Road, Marietta. For more information, call Karen Coffeen at (770) 590-0982.

FABULOUS FALL OPEN HOUSE & GIFT BAZAAR

November 16th & 17th
Friday, 1-5pm & 6-9pm
Saturday, 10am-4pm

5393 Owl Creek Pointe, Powder Springs, GA 30127
Brown's Farm Subdivision in West Cobb County
Contact Angelia Trevathan at 770-528-9052 or Julie Easley at
770-794-8719 for directions and further information

The annual Open House will feature 10 home-based businesses for you to explore. Wander around the rooms of the house tasting and experiencing the benefits of what these businesses have to offer. Great gift ideas just in time for holiday gift giving! Each business will have a door prize drawing or a special Open House offer for you. The businesses participating this year are:

Arbonne (anti aging skincare, aromatherapy, & cosmetics) ... **Kathleen Snider**
Blessed Toys (inspirational and faith based toys) ... **Jamie Taylor**
Creative Memories (Custom Framing, Photo Albums & Digital Photo Solutions) ... **Julie Easley**
JT Designs (personalized notes & invitations) ... **Jane Bishop/Traci Brun**
Living Water (Candles & Food Mixes benefitting Cobb Street Ministries), **Michelle DeFrancesco & Julie Schafer**
Longaberger (baskets, pottery, wrought iron & fabric accessories) ... **Lori Camp**
Mary Kay Cosmetics (spa products, fragrances, skincare & color cosmetics) ... **Jennifer Lovett**
Pampered Chef (kitchen gadgets & cookware) ... **Angelia Trevathan**
Premier Designs (high fashion jewelry) ... **Donna Englett**
Snazzy Linens (Decorative holiday items and gifts) ... **Rhonda Stegall & Debra Smith**

Everyone welcome! We hope you'll bring a friend and stop by to join in on the fun!



Beautiful **RED POINSETTIAS** delivered to your doorstep!!!! Eastside Christian School's 8th grade is selling poinsettias for the holidays. We will deliver them right to your door during the last week of November. We use a grower who brings them fresh to us. They last much longer than typical store bought poinsettias and are just beautiful. We have had RAVE reviews about these plants.

6" - \$8

8" - \$14

10" - \$18

ORDER BY November 10th: To order, email to Cindi at Cfiler@bellsouth.net with the number of each size you would like and then drop a check in my mailbox (1039 Chestnut Hill Circle) made out to Eastside Christian School. These would make great gifts for clients, teachers or coaches.....AND you will be supporting the 8th graders at Eastside!

Step Up for a Healthier You!

Register today for Step It Up Fitness, a dynamic 16-session exercise program designed by certified professionals to help you, your family and your friends, to Step It Up to a healthier lifestyle.

CLASSES OFFERED AT THREE METRO LOCATIONS!

- Whitefield Academy (Vinings);
- The Walker School (Marietta);
- First Baptist Church of Smyrna

Call 678-528-9774 or go to www.stepitupfitness.com for more information.

A new 8:15 am Marietta class is now being offered. In addition, there is a \$25 discount for Lee's Crossing residents.

Neighborhood Business Spotlight

If you would like to advertise your business, please send us a BRIEF paragraph giving pertinent information about your company along with contact information. Submissions will printed first come – first serve each month, based on space. Competitors will not be published in the same month. Send your information to leescrossing@comcast.net.

Does your business need a "user-friendly" Web site? Could your family benefit from an affordable, fun online way to keep members -from GA to CA-informed about the latest goings on? Then **Diana Designs** can help. I'd love to talk to you if you ever thought about a Web site but assumed it must cost "an arm and a leg." Please visit me at www.Diana-Designs.net to link to some of the sites I've developed. I offer gift certificates for that wonderful, one-of-a-kind holiday gift. And if not a Web site, then perhaps a piece of original artwork or note cards, all well within most anyone's budget, will meet-and exceed!-your needs. – Diana Black, 770.514.8246

I Recommend.....

Paul and Amy Sherwood would like to highly recommend "Our Computer Guy", **Tony Kabchef**. "He was able to make our Home PC work better than ever before! He upgraded our PC, added protection software and cleaned out unnecessary files that slowed down our computer. He also gave us some great recommendations regarding the types of hardware and software to add to increase our PC's efficiency as well as where to get the best prices. Tony is a seasoned professional who has tackled major PC issues for large businesses. He is responsive, prompt and very knowledgeable. He also can explain the issues in user-friendly language, which we really appreciate. As an added plus, his service is quite reasonably priced." If you need Computer Support, please contact Tony via email at: kabchefpc@bellsouth.net; or by phone at (770)426-7208.

Sandie Wilson would like to HIGHLY recommend **Custom Chimney Sweeping** (Jimmy & Connie at 770-591-8110) and **Ocampo Painting**. They are extremely responsive, reliable, trustworthy, timely, and REASONABLY priced!!

“I contacted Jim at Custom Chimney Sweeping at the recommendation of my next door neighbor. While sweeping and evaluating my chimney Jim ran across a couple of problems (which he took polaroid photos of so there could be no mistake!!). The flue liner at the top of the chimney needed to be extended so the liner could contain the product of combustion (this was due to faulty construction by my homebuilder) and also the rain pan was rusted. There were gaps in the flue liner causing it not to be able to contain the product of combustion, also needed to be raised to draw properly. The rain pan needed to be replaced due to rust. I was told that rain pans can cause unsightly damage to your siding, (which is almost impossible to remove) they can also cause damage to the inside of your chimney due to water and debris being able to get in from rusting out and causing holes. The rain pan sits on the top of your chimney chase if you’re looking from the ground up. All you’ll see is the lip of it hanging over a few inches. If you are experiencing rust you are in need of a new rain pan. Jimmy did find siding damage behind my chimney while up on my roof and I immediately called Ocampo Painting (in our neighborhood). Ocampo fixed the siding problems within 48 hours of my call.

Custom Chimney Sweeping can handle all of your fireplace and dryer vent needs and repairs. For those of you that are tired of burning wood they also sell and install gas logs. This is a **Family owned** and operated business since 1988. Licensed, insured and certified in both chimneys and dryer vents. Please check out their website @www.customchimneysweeping.com to see all the services they provide.”

Robin and Max Stafford would like to heartily endorse **JOAN and ROGER CRAVEN of Craven Creations Interior Design Company**. Joan and Roger work on any size job, either by the job, or by the hour. They have been in business 35 years. Their work is flawless, and the price is fair. They do kitchens, baths, remodels, and all interior design. Joan and Roger also have a company, **Silver Lining Moves**, that assists seniors (or empty nesters) in moving, downsizing, scaling -down furniture, and arranging the move from start to finish. Craven Creations 770-971-0543.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for December Newsletter is November 28.

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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, new number placard call Tom McBrayer at 770-427-8057, or paint call Noel Follrath at 770-426-0623.

Clubhouse Rental: Debbie Kelleher 678-354-7042

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