

Lee's Crossing

Monthly Newsletter

November 2008

From the President:

Clarification of Paving and Restoration of Decorative Concrete at Front Entrance

In the last month's newsletter, I wrote that the restoration of the existing decorative concrete by the City would be approximately \$45,000. I also indicated we were pursuing putting in, instead, a 12 foot band of pavers and that we thought we could have this done independently for approximately \$5,000.

A couple of our residents interpreted my comments as indicating that we could get the same work done elsewhere for \$5,000 that the City was offering for \$45,000. While this is not the case and was not my intent, I believe a clarification is in order.

The existing decorative concrete covers the width of the street and is approximately 70 feet in length. The City will tear this out because it has severely deteriorated and will replace with asphalt at no cost to Lee's Crossing. The City would have allowed the restoration of the entire existing concrete, but doing such a large area would have been prohibitively expensive. The Board instead decided that a twelve foot band of red pavers will still afford a distinctive and pleasing look, without spending an amount that would be imprudent. In addition, if the restoration is performed shortly after the excavation of the existing concrete (as the City's contractor would have to do), the lack of soil compaction would require the pouring of a concrete base and would require a closing of each lane for three days for curing. A respected engineer with the City's contractor has indicated that if we wait a few months after the asphalt is poured, then natural compaction of the underlying soil will occur and, after removing the 12 foot section of asphalt, pavers can be placed without the need to pour a concrete base and each lane should only be closed for a day.

The Board very much appreciates that the City consented to work with us on this and other matters and believes the City's pricing was quite fair. We are simply electing to go with a much smaller area of restoration and are choosing to avoid the expense of a poured base. Of course, this project will be done via independent bids and will require City permits.

Budget for 2009

The Board is pleased to propose a budget for 2009 with no increase, despite taking on paving the parking lot, redoing the electrical panels at the clubhouse and other needed improvements. We believe we are still substantially lower in price than the other swim & tennis neighborhoods in the City despite having the best facilities and services. Details are included in this newsletter.

Clubhouse Use

The Clubhouse continues to be used very often and is a great asset for the neighborhood. I understand we even had a wedding there recently. Please remember that the clubhouse is frequently reserved this time of year, especially, so call Melissa Hinchman early for booking to avoid disappointment.

Sincerely,
Walt Walker

Proposed 2009 Budget

	2008 Budget	2009 Budget	2009 Budget Comments
<i>Income:</i>			
Annual Assessment	\$139,035	\$139,725	409 homes at \$345 (same dues as 2008) less 4 unpaid
Annual Assessment Late Fees	\$750	\$600	10 homes, \$50 each, After Feb. 21st
Clubhouse Rental	\$1,500	\$1,600	Outside Functions
Interest	\$2,000	\$1,200	From Bank Accounts
Non-Resident Tennis	\$350	\$500	Non-Resident ALTA & USTA Player Fees
Old Liens	\$500	\$500	Liens From Previous Years
Vending Machine	\$300	\$350	Drink Machine In Pool Area
	\$144,435	\$144,475	
<i>Expense:</i>			
Administration	\$6,000	\$5,500	Postage, Mailboxes, Newsletters, Taxes
Architectural Control Services	\$15,300	\$15,606	Neighborhood Inspection
Clubhouse Debt Service	\$17,400	\$14,438	Clubhouse Expansion Loan P&I
Insurance	\$6,163	\$6,034	Officer's Liability, Comm. Package
Landscaping	\$24,480	\$24,970	Grounds Maintenance
Legal	\$9,180	\$6,000	Attorney Retainer & Fees
Mailboxes & Signposts	\$0	\$2,500	New Posts, Paint, etc.
Pool Management	\$19,380	\$19,768	Contract With American Pool Repair, Maintenance Of
Repairs	\$9,690	\$9,884	Existing Property
Social	\$8,670	\$8,500	Sponsored Social Events
Swim Team	\$1,000	\$1,500	Cyclones Expenses
Utilities	\$14,000	\$14,000	Water, Cable, Electric, Gas, Phone
	\$131,263	\$128,700	
<i>Projected Year-end 08</i>		\$67,000	
<i>Income (Losses)</i>			
<i>From Operations:</i>	\$13,172	\$15,775	
<i>Capital Purchases:</i>	\$20,000	\$46,000	Repave parking lot, electrical panel, front entrance upgrades, front entrance pavers
<i>Projected Year-end 09</i>		\$36,775	

Around the Neighborhood

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, 2009.

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 2009 assessments by the close of balloting on February 20, 2009 and must not be subject to any unsatisfied Association fines or liens.

The nominating committee consists of Erroll Eckford, Carl Trevathan and Jim Martin. 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.

Thanksgiving Week Trash Pickup Schedule

	Normal Service	Holiday Service 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



Be sure to book the clubhouse early for any events you are planning! Call Melissa Hinchman at 404-839-1211.

Social News



There will be a football tailgate party on "College Rival Weekend" 11/29.
Details later...

We had a nice turn out for our neighborhood's first **wine and cheese social**. We sampled 6 different wines and a wide variety of cheeses. A big thank you goes to Bette and Jim Foley, Dianne and Terry Ryan, as well as Janet Duncan for their help. Stephanie Nonner from South City Kitchens in Vinings did a wonderful job with Bette to organize a very tasty and informative evening. Stephanie donated her time to host this event, so when you visit her restaurant, please be sure to thank her. With such enthusiasm, I'm sure this will become an annual (if not quarterly) event.



Dianne Ryan



Neighbors enjoying the tasting



Start getting your plans in place to spend **New Year's Eve** at our neighborhood party. It has been incredibly fun every year. I'm always surprised that more residents don't take advantage of it. We'll have a new caterer, DJ and dancing (I might even get a few of my ballroom buddies to showcase for us), mock casino night and door prizes. Of course complimentary wine, beer, mixers (bring your own hard stuff), and champagne toast while we watch the ball (or peach) drop on the big screen TV. I love seeing summer pool pals all dressed up for a great time ringing in the new year together. Yes, you can pay a little extra for non-residents to come. So if you have family in town, don't let that stop you all from partaking.

Needed: ANY RESIDENT THAT HAS GOODIES OR SERVICES OR COUPONS/ GIFT CERTIFICATES TO DONATE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE DOOR PRIZES, PLEASE CALL JANET DUNCAN @ 770-427-1502 OR EMAIL ME AT janetduncan@bellsouth.net



Holiday Extravaganza in Lee's Crossing Clubhouse!

November 8, 2008 9am-5pm

Avoid the traffic and the malls by joining us for a day of early Christmas shopping! Unique vendors will be joining us. There will be jewelry, stationary, monogramming, designer purses, baby gifts, and lots of other unique gifts and other items that are a must see! If you are a vendor and would like to participate, please contact Debbie Holman, 770-425-8669.

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.

Classifieds

Want to Buy

Desperately need used baby scale to weigh my elderly cat. Call Janet 678-354-4689 or Cell 404-314-9219.

For Sale

Nice things for the patio, sunroom or pool area: Storage bench with back 52"L x 22"W x 19" tall to store chair cushions away from the weather; Small white table 42"L x 30"W for deck or patio space to drink that morning cup of coffee in the morning. Please contact Dianne @770-499-7863

Babysitting

*American Red Cross Certified *Experience with young family members *Babysitter or Mother's Helper. Call Katherine Wagner at 770-426-8338 for details

Tutoring Available

With the school year well underway, I just wanted to again offer tutoring for reinforcement, review, re-teaching, test-prep, study skill, homework, etc.....I can be available after school, evenings (during the day for home-schoolers), and some weekends. Please call Barb at 770-423-1895

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

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

11/1 – 11/3		Scarecrows on the Square
11/8	8:00am – Noon	2008 Start! Cobb Heart Walk Marietta Square
11/11	11:00am – 1:00pm	Veterans Day parade & Ceremony Parade begins at 11:00 at Roswell Street Baptist Church and proceeds to Square for ceremony at noon
11/11	7:00pm – 9:00 pm	College Coffee Night Marietta Museum of History
11/14	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Small Things, Holiday Art Gallery Opening AB Art Gallery, 156 Church St
11/27	7:00am – 11:00 am	Gobble Jog Marietta Square

Around Town

Marietta Lions Club Annual Pecan Sale

In keeping with tradition, neighbors Rod and Fran Hume have stocked a wide assortment of packaged nuts for the annual Lions Club fundraiser. Please stop by or call 770-422-7750 to place your order. Choose from Pecans, Cashews, Walnuts, Peanuts and even Butter Toffee Popcorn! Prices vary, but most are \$8.00 per bag or two bags for \$15.00. Roasted and salted peanuts are just \$5.00 per bag. These brightly packaged nut filled bags will be a perfect gift for teachers, friends, family, and don't forget our servicemen overseas.

Note: The proceeds from the sale of these products support sight conservation programs sponsored by the Marietta Lions Club such as funding for eye exams for qualified Marietta citizens, Georgia Lions Lighthouse that helps provide eye surgeries, Georgia Lions Camp for the blind, as well as training leader dogs for the blind. Pick up location: 1135 Chestnut Hill Circle.



Holiday Market, Bake Sale & Silent Auction: Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Admission is FREE! 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, 30064. For more information, call Karen Coffeen at (770) 590-0982.

Neighborhood Business Spotlight

If you would like to tell your neighbors about 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. Note: Please keep descriptions to one SHORT paragraph in WORD format. Do not send brochures, flyers or pictures as they will not be published.

Crowe Custom Countertops has been designing and installing Granite, Marble, Quartz, CedarStone, and other hard surface countertop materials for over 7 years! We also carry a complete line of Stainless Steel and Ceramic sinks, faucets, and have a large variety of natural granite stone patterns and colors (32), in stock at our Acworth Factory and Showroom (you pick your own granite tablets). We beat the Big Stores and others with our lower prices, quicker installation time and quality service! Let us prove it! We now have done 11 installations for our neighbors, here in Lee's Crossing! Please contact Bill Dickman, at 404-992-2610 to get a free estimate and design consultation on your project!

I Recommend.....

If you would like to recommend a business, please send a SHORT testimonial. Remember to include contact information.

Gordon Pfeiffer would like to recommend Lee's Crossing resident Finnis Jones, owner of **Capitol One Exterior Pressure Cleaning**, for pressure washing. Finnis did a great job at a reasonable price for us. I really feel like I got my money's worth after he cleaned our driveway, walkway, front stoop, and patio area in the back. He also does air duct cleaning and deck staining. Call 770-617-2463.

Bette and Jim Foley would like to recommend **Kleen Tile Express** for cleaning any tile in your home. We had a great experience with Justin Cook who came to the house and completely cleaned the floors with his equipment. He uses only biodegradable cleaning solution and a high heat PSI treatment. It made all the difference in our floors! Call for reasonable rates: 770-560-6927 (floors, baths, shower and pool/decks).



Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for the December Newsletter is November 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. New number placards or paint may be obtained by calling Tom McBrayer at 770-427-8057.

Clubhouse Rental: Melissa Hinchman 404-839-1211 (after 10/15)

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