

# Grove Hill Gazette

Grove Hill Homeowners' Association • P. O. Box 2658 • Auburn, AL 36831

## A Letter From the President

**F**all is upon us and soon we will all begin getting busy with holiday plans. As my term as Grove Hill Board President comes to an end, I would like to say that I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you over the past year. This Board has made many improvements in the neighborhood this year such as refurbishing the stop signs, renovating the pool house, painting the pool fence and revamping the flower beds at the main entrance and at the clubhouse. As the year end approaches we will begin a much needed renovation of the clubhouse to include a new roof, interior and exterior painting. We hope to have this completed by the end of November. In the near future we would also like to add a kitchenette, refinish the hardwood flooring, and install landscape lighting. With these improvements, our clubhouse will be a great location for your Holiday parties. Please contact Property Manager, Barbara Arington at 826-5884 for rental information and scheduling.

In closing, I would like to personally encourage each of you to consider becoming involved in your neighborhood by serving on the Grove Hill Homeowner's Association Board as an active member, committee member, Board officer, or street captain. To learn more about the Grove Hill Homeowner's Board, please attend a Board meeting held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. For more information on the Grove Hill Homeowner's Association Board, please contact Property Manager, Barbara Arington at [barbara@grovehillhoa.com](mailto:barbara@grovehillhoa.com) or 826-5884.

Thank you for a wonderful year and I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season!

*Sharon Oswald, President, Grove Hill Homeowners' Association*



## Fall Landscape Tips



**C**ooler fall temperatures are always a welcome relief from the summer's sweltering heat and humidity. Many consider fall to be a time to take a break from all the landscape work that they have labored with from spring and summer. Don't sit down yet, here are a few tips on how

to get your landscape ready for the cold of winter.

### **A Good Starting Place**

Plant...Plant...Plant! Fall rains combined with cooler air temperatures and warm soil temperatures help new plants get established. This is the best time for planting trees, shrubs and flowering bulbs. Develop a landscape plan, or have a professional create

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**For a new mailbox, new lettering or if you need your mailbox pole painted call Property Manager Barbara Arington at 826-5884 for pricing information.**

# **GHHA Board Meeting Summaries**

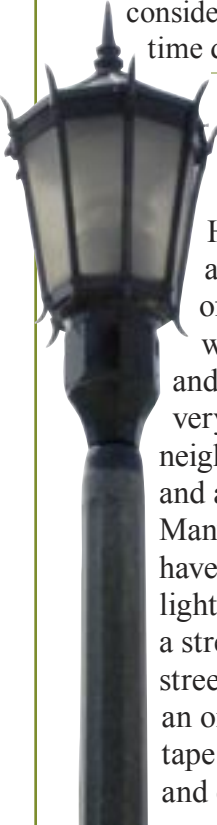


The Grove Hill Homeowners' Association Board of Directors meets regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for comments or questions from residents. Here are the highlights from June – September 2005 meetings.

## **Board Meeting Summaries for June – September 2005**

A Resident addressed the Board concerning the poor landscaping in the new section of Grove Hill. The Board & the residents in this section agreed to send developer Billy Cleveland a letter requesting the area be improved. Another resident reported an common area in the neighborhood with poor drainage that needed to be repaired because water was starting to “stand” and back-up into his yard. The Board voted to have someone look at this area. The clubhouse repairs and improvements were discussed again with the first repair being a new roof. Wayne Roofing was selected as the contractor and is to begin the work in October. New business was discussed to include new stop signs that had been proposed by Billy Cleveland to Property Manager, Barbara Arington. Billy had stated that his company would be installing the new signs in the new sections of Grove Hill. The Board thought this type of improvement would be something worth considering, the Board voted to hold off on this project at the present time due to the roof replacement project needed at the clubhouse.

## **Help Keep Grove Hill Safe - Report Street Light Outages**



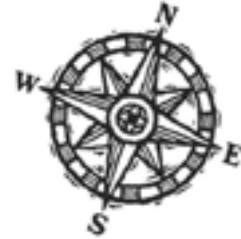
Halloween is fast approaching and lots of little ones will be walking up our streets and sidewalks, thus it is very important that our neighborhood be well lit and as safe as possible. Many Grove Hill residents have called to report street light outages. If you have a street light out on your street, please tag it with an orange or red ribbon or tape (available at Lowe's) and contact Property

Manager, Barbara Arington at 826-5884 and give her your name and location of the street light. She will contact Alabama Power to report the outage.

*Please note that Alabama Power has been slower than normal with service because many of their units have been deployed to help with power outages in Mississippi and Louisiana.*

Also note, that the street lights are maintained by Alabama Power and the service is paid by the Grove Hill Homeowner's Association.

## **GHHA Points of Interest:**



### **Mailboxes**

A few simple mailbox and pole improvements can make your mailbox look brand new. Have you looked at your mailbox lately? Others see it and notice it and many of our mailboxes in Grove Hill are definitely in need of a little TLC. Many are faded and barely on the stand, others have doors hanging by its hinges. Grove Hill has a couple of people that handle mailbox repairs, so if you are too busy or are not able to make the repairs, please contact Barbara Arington at 826-5884 for a list of vendors. If you are a do-it-yourself type person here are a few things you can do to get your mailbox back compliant with our neighborhood covenants:

1. If your mailbox is rusted or dented, don't try to paint it – simply purchase a metal (no plastic) mailbox at Lowe's that is the same size/style as the others on your street. Make sure you attach the mailbox to the pole securely so that is doesn't rock when the mail carrier opens it to get your mail. Do not

# Covenant Report

## **GHHA Points of Interest: cont.**

apply stick-on letters on your mailbox – this is against neighborhood covenants. Please contact Barbara Arington at 826-5884 for a list of vendors that can print a new house address for your mailbox.

2. If your street has the cast iron mailboxes you must contact one of our vendors to have that style repaired. Contact Barbara Arington for more information.

As with any well-established neighborhood it is necessary to make improvements to keep it looking its best. Remember that all mailboxes should be of the size and style originally approved by the Association. Again, the lettering on your mailbox must be custom lettering (certain font and size) and can be purchased from several vendors. Please contact Barbara Arington at 826-5884 for a list of vendors.

**If you have a business or event you would like to promote, consider advertising in the Grove Hill Gazette. We have developed affordable rates and can even provide design services. Contact Grove Hill Property Manager, Barbara Arington at 826-5884 or at [barbara@grovehillhoa.com](mailto:barbara@grovehillhoa.com) for more information concerning ad rates.**

*The Covenants Committee would like for neighbors to try and resolve covenants issues among themselves. However, if this cannot be done, please contact the committee to help. To contact the covenants committee or make a violation notifications, please visit the Grove Hill website at [www.grovehillhoa.com](http://www.grovehillhoa.com) and click on resources or contact Property Manager Barbara Arington at 826-5884 or via email at [barbara@grovehillhoa.com](mailto:barbara@grovehillhoa.com).*

**W**e have received several calls about residents parking in the street especially on Coopers Pond Road. **Please note covenant number 6.14 (b) and 6.24 (b):**

All automobiles owned or used by the Owner or Occupant of any Dwelling and their respective family members shall be parked in garages to the extent garage space is available. Garages shall not be used for storage or for any other purposes or uses which would result in the garage being unavailable for the parking of vehicles therein. Vehicles shall be parked only in driveways or garages. Vehicles shall not be parked on any landscaped or natural areas of a Lot or Dwelling.



**Too many residents have their trash cans visible from the street, please remember covenant number 6.23 (b):**

Trash, garbage and any other refuse or waste shall not be kept on any Lot or Dwelling except in sanitary containers or garbage compactor units. Trash cans and containers shall at all times be kept at the rear of or inside a Dwelling and shall be screened from view from streets and adjacent Lots and Dwellings by appropriate landscaping or fencing approved by the ARC; provided, however, that trash cans and containers can be moved to the front or side yard of any Dwelling on trash collection days for such Lot or Dwelling.

**Fall is here, but it is not the end of lawn season, please remember:**

6.09 (h) No owner shall allow the grass on his Lot or Dwelling to grow to a height in excess of six (6) inches, measured from the surface of the ground. (Please see the Lawn Care article for additional fall lawn care information.)

*(The before mentioned statements are derived from the Grove Hill Declaration of Covenants, more information can be obtained from [www.grovehillhoa.com](http://www.grovehillhoa.com))*

## Did You Know?

**Seasonal or holiday decoration (e.g. Christmas trees and lights, pumpkins, Easter decorations) shall be promptly removed from each Lot or Dwelling as soon as such holiday passes.**

*Article 6.09(i) Grove Hill Declaration of Covenants*

# Fall Landscape Tips (continued from page1)

one for you. Either way, fall is a great time of the year to start, enhance or redo your landscape, and improve the exterior appeal of your home.

## Landscape Projects

As deciduous trees and shrubs lose their leaves, remove the excess ones from your lawn to avoid smothering it. Mulching mowers do a good job of shredding the leaves and returning them to the soil, but they can only handle so many leaves. Use a rake or leaf blower if too many leaves accumulate. As leaves fall, it is easier to see the branching structure of trees and shrubs, making them easier to prune. Remove branches that cross and rub against each other. Cut back shrubs that are growing too tall to a manageable height. Some shrubs need to be thinned periodically to keep them healthy and growing. It's also easier now to spot and remove diseased branches.

## Watering Wisely

Do not let your landscape or warm season lawn go into winter dormancy suffering from drought-like conditions. Drought-stricken plants may not survive the winter or become green the following spring.

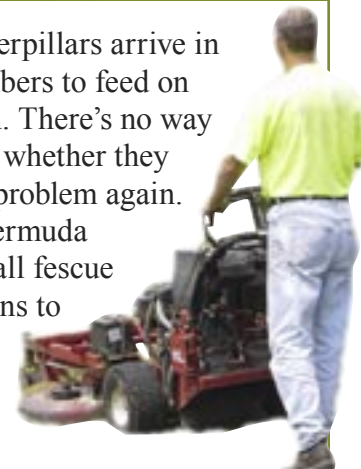
## Tips for the Landscape

Spring flowering bulbs - such as daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths - add spectacular color to a springtime landscape, and fall is the time to plant them. Avoid planting bulbs in single file rows - mass planting creates the most striking visual effect. Within the designated area, pack bulbs only inches apart from each other. The larger the bulb-packed area, the more spectacular the effect. After the bulbs are buried, plant pansies or other winter-hardy flowering annuals on top, being careful not to disturb the bulbs. The flowering bulbs will emerge through the annual flowers for double the color display.

## Be Aware

Last year many southern landscapes were invaded by fall army worms.

These caterpillars arrive in huge numbers to feed on your lawn. There's no way to predict whether they will be a problem again. If your Bermuda grass or tall fescue lawn begins to rapidly thin over a three- to five-day period, pull the grass apart and look for brown or dark green hairless caterpillars hiding near the soil surface. If you find them, control measures are necessary to prevent further damage.



## Landscape Tools

Fall is the best time to find a good deal on a lawn mower or other power equipment. Keep an eye out for clearance sales at your local hardware store. If you haven't used your power blowers since last fall, be sure to place fresh gas and oil mix in the unit before attempting to start it. Empty any old gas from the tank and dispose of it properly before refilling with fresh gas. At the end of the season, run the engine dry to remove all gas from the tank.

## A Festive Christmas at Grove Hill

Pat Hobaugh, Grove Hill resident and owner of Carol's Hallmark, is offering Grove Hill residents a large red lacquered mailbox bow for the holiday season. The lacquered material is ideal for outdoor use and will last for many holidays to come. The bows are available for purchase at \$7.00 each (plus tax) and can be picked up at Carol's Hallmark at 300 N. Dean Road, Suite 6 in the Kroger shopping center in Auburn. Please call Pat today at 887-7265 to pre-order your mailbox bow today. Let's decorate Grove Hill in community holiday style!



## Newsletter Articles

The Grove Hill Gazette newsletter is mailed to all residents quarterly in the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. The Gazette is also available on the website at [www.grovehillhoa.com](http://www.grovehillhoa.com). If you would like to see something in an upcoming issue, please submit your article to [barbara@grovehillhoa.com](mailto:barbara@grovehillhoa.com) or mail it to P.O. Box 2658, Auburn, AL 36831.



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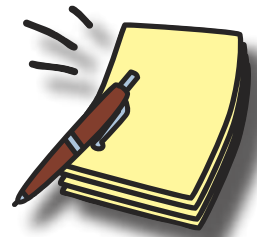
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## A message from the Property Manager

**T**he two main areas of concern expressed by residents the last few months have been people speeding in the neighborhood and the amount of litter and debris along our walking trail. Every Grove Hill resident can help eliminate these problems. Please help us keep our neighborhood safe by adhering to posted speed limit signs. If you see someone speeding in our neighborhood, please get their tag number and report it to the Auburn police. To request additional patrol in our neighborhood, please contact the Auburn Police Department at 501-3100.



With regard to keeping our streets free from litter and debris, we simply need everyone's help. If you are on the walking trail, please try and pick up any trash you see as you are walking. If you see someone throwing trash on our streets, contact the Auburn Police Department at 501-3100. Together we can make a difference!

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season!

*Barbara Arington, Property Manager, Grove Hill Homeowners' Association*



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