

Grove Hill Gazette

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

A Letter From the President

We hope your 2005 is off to a wonderful start! This issue of the Grove Hill Gazette is filled with useful information for you and your family. Please note that Grove Hill resident, Barbara Arington, is our new property manager. Barbara welcomes comments and suggestions concerning our neighborhood.

The Board of Directors of the Grove Hill Homeowners Association has voted to increase the annual dues by \$24.00. The total 2005 dues is \$290.00 and are due by January 31, 2005. After this modest increase, our association dues remain among the lowest in the area and we have some of the finest facilities and amenities of any neighborhood.

In 2004 Grove Hill experienced significant housing growth. In addition, the construction of the walking trail has improved the attractiveness and safety of our neighborhood. These changes will bring added expense to our association. The added common area and the walking trail will require significant landscaping challenges. Additional projects include adding pillars and landscaping at the Windway entrance and repairing the Grove Hill entrance median. A second pool, scheduled to be completed this year, will require additional pool furniture.

One of our greatest needs is more involvement by our Grove Hill residents. There are many opportunities including serving on the Board, various committees, or by volunteering as a street captain. You can begin by joining us on Tuesday, January 11th at the clubhouse for our annual Grove Hill Homeowners Association meeting. We will see you there.

Charlie Perry, President, Grove Hill Homeowners Association



Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the annual neighborhood meeting at the clubhouse on **Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** New Board Members will be elected and officers appointed for the 2005 physical year. Come and make a difference

in your neighborhood. If you want to know what's going on around here, volunteer to be a board member. We need great leaders to keep our neighborhood strong and effective. Even if you don't feel called to be on the board, you can add your touch by volunteering for one of the many committees – Architectural Review

Committee, Covenant Committee, Social Committee, Landscape Committee, Street Captains, etc. Please see the insert for more information on the individuals who have been nominated for the upcoming elections, please come to the meeting and cast your vote!

In efforts to better serve our neighbors, the board has developed an association web site for Grove Hill Homeowners.

Please visit often at

www.grovehillhoa.com

December 2004 Board Meeting Summary

The Grove Hill Homeowner's Association Board of Directors meets regularly on the 2nd 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 the December meeting.

December 14, 2004

- Reviewed proposed 2004 budget and activities for GHHA.
- Set and approved the 2005 association fee of \$290.00 per resident.
- Reviewed landscape estimates from Country Oaks Lawn Maintenance. Requested an additional quote from another landscape company to compare pricing.
- Biographical information was reviewed for board members nominations to be voted on January 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Covenants Violation Status Report

Inspections of our neighborhood are now being conducted by the Covenants Committee every two (2) weeks to check on the status of existing violations, document new violations and follow-up on phone calls and e-mails from residents. Letters are mailed to residents to correct the violations. A second notice and proper legal action will be taken if the violation continues for at least two (2)

inspections. Let's all adhere to the covenants to help make Grove Hill remain the best neighborhood in Auburn.

The covenants committee, chaired by Steve Speakman, governs the covenants violation reports. If you do not have your copy of the Grove Hill Covenants, please contact Property Manager, Barbara Arington at 826-5884 or at barbara@grovehillhoa.com

Covenant Highlight

No bird baths, fountains, reflectors, flagpoles, statues, lawn sculptures, lawn furnishings, artificial plants, rock gardens, rock walls, bird houses, or other fixtures and accessories shall be placed or installed within the front or side yards of any Lot or Dwelling.

Artical 6.09(e) Grove Hill Declaration of Covenants

GHHA Points of Interest:



Did you know you can rent the swimming pool and/or clubhouse for a private function? The cost is \$75.00 for the clubhouse and \$25.00 for the pool. Please visit www.grovehillhoa.com for rental guidelines and reservations forms. Once you've completed your forms, contact Grove Hill Property Manager, Barbara Arington at 826-5884 or at barbara@grovehillhoa.com to book a date.

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 for more information concerning ad rates.

New Property Management

The Board is please to announce that Grove Hill resident, Barbara Arington, is our new property manager effective January 1, 2005. The Board has elected to change the property management from a separate management company and bring it back to

the neighborhood. Barbara will bring an added level of service to this position. As a resident, she loves our neighborhood and cares about maintaining its appeal. A few of her responsibilities will include clubhouse and pool rental, welcome packet disbursements to new residents,

association fee collections, just to name a few! Barbara will have office space inside Hometown Realty (next door to FourPaws) at 1747 Ogletree Road, Suite 200, Auburn, Alabama. Barbara can be reached at 826-5884 or via the Grove Hill website at www.grovehillhoa.com.

Architectural Review Committee

Did you know that all exterior improvements or alterations to your property require advance written approval of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC)? The review process is simple. Fill out a Home Improvement Request form online at www.grovehillhoa.com or print and complete the form and mail it to P.O. Box 2658, Auburn, AL 36831. Please include appropriate drawings, samples, photos or brochures describing your request. The ARC will review the request and issue a written approval, conditional approval or disapproval. If it is not approved as submitted, the ARC may provide suggestions for making changes so it can be approved.

The ARC may take several days to make a decision, but they will do their best to respond as soon as possible. Requests received include house painting, room additions, fencing additions, etc. Please contact us if you have any questions at 826-5884.

Street Captians

Is Your Street Represented?

Elizabeth Ponder -

Berry Lane

Jack Downes -

Mosswood Place

Sharon Goodman -

Taylor Court

Volunteer to be a street captain today! As a street captain, you would attend monthly board meetings and report issues to the board concerning your street and then report back to your neighbors on your street. Call Property Manager, Barbara Arington today to volunteer, 826-5884.

Do you have everything you need for your project?



Don't forget to contact the ARC!

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. One thing that we would like to do is to welcome new babies to Grove Hill. Please send me your child's birth information (i.e. date, weight, parents and sibling's name). If you would like to see something in an upcoming issue, please submit your article to barbara@grovehillhoa.com or mail it to P.O. Box 2658, Auburn, AL 36831.

A message from the Property Manager

I'm very excited about my new position as Property Manager of the Grove Hill Homeowner's Association. I'm working really hard getting all of our records organized and I need all of your help in order to update our resident database. I need for each household to logon to www.grovehillhoa.com and click on Update Your Record and submit your name, address, phone number and email address. If you are not computer savy and would prefer to submit via the telephone or mail you can reach me at 826-5884 or via mail at P.O. Box 2658, Auburn, AL 36831. Please note that this information will not be shared with other companies or outside agencies. I hope to mail out new resident directories to everyone in February, but I want them to be as up-to-date as possible.



I look forward to serving as your property manager and please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Barbara Arington, Property Manager, Grove Hill Homeowners Association

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