



'Lakes' the Beautiful Landscape Committee Quarterly Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Landscape Committee is to encourage all homeowners to become more actively involved in landscape events, activities, and forums that will enhance and preserve the beauty of the community, and to take responsibility for their individual property.



Greetings Lakes at Cedar Grove Neighbors!

On behalf of the LCG Landscape Committee, I send wishes to all of you for a happy year ahead.

This newsletter will catch you up on the latest Landscape Committee activities and issues of concern that affect the aesthetics of our beautiful community. Our goal is to heighten our neighborhood's beauty by engaging a proactive approach on maintenance and enhancement of our community entrances, common- areas and individual homes. We invite you to join us in loving and caring for our Community.

Respectfully,

Delora Bennett
Lakes at Cedar Grove
Landscaping Committee, Chair

Annual Community Clean-up



2018 Clean-up Crew

Hi Neighbors,

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 27th at 9 AM**. The community will be meeting again to spruce up the neighborhood and we need everyone to help. I'm sure you've noticed that we're looking marvelous these days and want to make sure we continue to do so. The Landscape Committee will supply everything you need to keep us looking good; just show up and get ready for fun, friendly interaction and... so yes, a little exercise. See you there!

We will be meeting in the pool area.

Delora Bennett

Monthly Neighborhood Walk / Drive thru

A Member of the LCG Landscaping Committee along with a representative from our HighGrove Partners Landscaping perform a monthly walk/drive thru of the community. The purpose of the walk/drive thru is to identify common areas that need attention and to suggest recommendations and actions for corrections.

Mailbox Maintenance

Mailboxes are not usually the first thing on a homeowner's mind when it comes to yard maintenance. They often go unnoticed until they have been damaged by lawncare equipment, age, or other factors. But, Spring is here and it's time for mailboxes to be repainted and numbers reapplied if applicable.

Replacement numbers need to be the 'screw in' type which can be purchased from Lowe's and Home Depot. **Noncompliance** can prevent residents from receiving the 'Yard of The Month' recognition.



Lawn Care

Its Spring- time and that means its lawn maintenance season!

Residents are encouraged to mow lawns at least every 10 days from April thru October. Overgrown lawns encourage rodents and snakes to move in as well as makes the entire community look messy and unkept.

A well-kept lawn makes your property value rise and keeps your neighbors happy! If you are unable to perform lawn maintenance, consider hiring a company to maintain the landscaping/grounds of your home.



YARD OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION GUIDELINES

Let's keep The Lakes beautiful! The Yard of the Month Recognition was established to promote goodwill and reward exemplary lawn care in the LCG community. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at-large. This is a great award and the program is administered entirely by the LCG Landscaping Committee volunteers.

For the months of May through August, the LCG Landscaping Committee will choose a lawn that best typifies the qualities of beauty, appeal, and consistency within the guidelines. Since the Committee will mainly deal with "curb appeal," nominations will be for front and side yards, as well as the exterior of the house. The Committee will select yards during the first few days of each month. The winner of the Yard of the Month will be provided with a decorative yard sign for display indicating their winning yard, as well as a posting and photo on our community website.

Good Neighbor Practices



Dog Waste Disposal

Neighbors,

All residents are asked to take pride in our community by adhering to community rules regarding disposal of pet waste. LCG HOA rules require that pet owners pick up after their pets and properly dispose of their waste. Also, animal fecal matter serves as a food source for rats and will encourage a rat infestation if it accumulates on the grounds of the community. A rat infestation, once it is established is a health hazard in itself and is very difficult to completely extinguish.

The LCG Landscaping Committee and your neighbors thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



Garbage Cans Storage

Sometimes it can seem like your community HOA has ridiculous rules. For example, LCG HOA has rules about the placement of trash cans and where they can be stored.

Believe it or not, there are good reasons for this, and not just because trash and recycle cans are unattractive. There are concerns about attracting wildlife. Be compliant and keep trash cans in the garage or behind a high fence. This will also reduce the risk of animals getting at your trash.

You don't need a big budget to turn your landscape into a seasonal showpiece. All you need is a few plants that will provide vibrant colors during the spring and summer seasons.



Good full-sun border plants that are well suited to most areas:

- * Yarrow
- * Shasta Daisy
- * Coreopsis
- * Purple Coneflower
- * Blanket Flower
- * Russian Sage
- * Butterfly Weed
- * Lavender
- * Sun Patients

Shade-Tolerant Plants that will bring your shaded yard areas to life:

- * Coral Bells
- * Dead Nettle
- * Foam Flower
- * Lungwort
- * Astilbe
- * Foxglove
- * Japanese Forest Grass
- * Primrose
- * Impatients



Tree Maintenance Reminder

According to the Homeowner Association Guide, home owners are responsible for trees located between the sidewalk and the street curb of our homes. These trees should be trimmed regularly by the homeowner to allow a 6 feet clearance from the ground to the first branches from the bottom up. Again, if necessary to remain in compliance, residents are encouraged to hire a professional tree trimmer to remove unwanted limbs.