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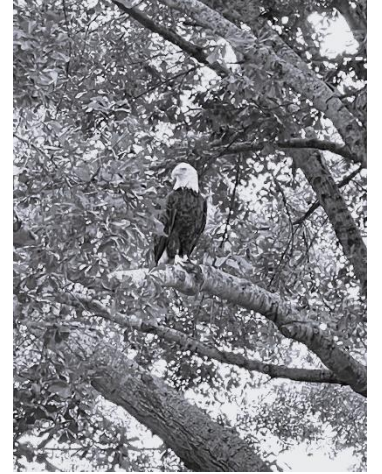
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NEW RESIDENTS?

Montgomery has the Huntingdon Hawks, the AUM War Hawks, and the Alabama Christian College (Faulkner) Eagles. Montgomery may soon have new avian residents, the Arrowhead Bald Eagles.

Bald eagles were spotted in Arrowhead back in April of this year by Bill Hurley and his wife while walking down Arrowhead Drive. Another resident, Amber Eggers, spotted one of the beautiful birds roosting in a pine tree and posted a picture on face book. Other sightings in the area have also been reported.

Bald eagles are known to nest in Alabama, but ordinarily prefer to nest near a lake or river. They may have simply been passing through and stopped off to enjoy Arrowhead hospitality for a while. However, it is possible they have chosen to nest in one of the huge trees common throughout Arrowhead. There are a number of ponds in the neighborhoods adjacent to Arrowhead, and a large swampy area behind. If they have chosen to take up residence in our neighborhood, there should soon be more sightings, as they will be busy getting food for the hatchlings. They are welcome to all the squirrels they want from my back yard.



GRANT APPLICATION

Arrowhead HOA will be applying for a grant for 2023. We need input from the membership for projects that would be of benefit to the entire neighborhood. The grants are a maximum of \$5000, so the projects are necessarily fairly modest. If you have suggestion, please e-mail John Taylor at: president@arrowheadhomes.org.

SAVE THE DATE

FALL YARD SALE

THE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY YARD SALE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022, FROM 7:00 AM – 12 NOON. THIS EVENT WILL BE ADVERTISED ONLINE AND IN THE PRINT MEDIA.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Traffic safety, specifically excessive speed in the Arrowhead neighborhood, has been a concern for many years. Arrowhead Home Owners Association president John Taylor contacted the City Traffic Department and arranged a meeting on March 28 at the Lakeview Baptist Church. All residents of Arrowhead were invited to come. A large number of concerned people attended.

City Councilman Ed Grimes was present. City Traffic Engineer Wesley Cox presented two possible measures to 'calm' the traffic. One solution was to paint lines along the sides of the street. This causes the perception that the street is narrower than it really is, encouraging people to drive slower. This solution has worked well in the Cloverdale and Boxwood neighborhoods. The second alternative was putting roundabouts to force traffic to slow. This alternative is effective, but very costly. It would probably involve cost sharing from the HOA. Speed bumps were not considered, as the city would incur liability for damage done to cars.

The general consensus was to try the side stripe first and then the roundabouts after further study. The city completed the stripes in relatively short order, and Arrowhead Drive and Seminole now have the stripes. A request to do a traffic study on Oldfield has also been submitted to consider measures to slow speeders on this street.

TRASH REMINDER

Please remember that the city will not pick up leaves, pine straw or grass clippings that are not in a bag or container. The city will pick up loose leaves, but only between October 1 – April 15. If you do not want to bag your leaves and grass clippings, consider composting them in your back yard.

If you have large bulky items such as refrigerators, sofas or mattresses, you can call 311 and schedule to pick up. There is a \$20 charge for these large items. There is also an additional charge for construction/demolition debris and large tree waste.

LAWN & GARDEN WATERING

The rainfall average for Montgomery to date is 23 inches, and the actual rainfall to date has been over 26 inches so we are ahead of the average. Based on this, watering lawns and gardens should not be a big deal. Unfortunately, most of the rain came in a few downpours, with weeks long dry spells in between causing stress on grass, shrubs and bushes. Watering in between the rains can help alleviate this stress.

Although our city is blessed with an abundant supply of water, we should strive to use it in the most efficient and effective way possible. Watering lawns should be done in the early morning hours when it is cooler and the winds are generally calm. This reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation and being blown away from the lawn. Also, by doing it in the morning, the water left on the leaves of grass will evaporate, reducing the danger of fungal growth. Watering shrubs, flowers and vegetable plants should also be done in the morning for the same reasons. If possible, apply the water near the base of the plant to avoid wetting the leaves. This will also reduce to risk of fungal growth.

Over watering can also be a problem. Grass generally requires 1 inch of water a week. It is best to apply one thorough watering rather than two or three shallow waterings. This will encourage the roots to grow deeper, and again reduce the growth of fungus on the grass.

If your house has gutters and downspouts, consider the use of rain barrels. During a rain, hundreds of gallons of rainwater can fall on your roof, and simply flow away. A rain barrel placed under a downspout can capture some of the water for use later on your garden and houseplants. In addition to saving water, it has the advantage of not being chlorinated. Chlorine, while essential for killing germs in our drinking water, is not especially good for plants.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

On the afternoon of June 1 the Montgomery Police Dept. held a neighborhood walk with the police. Eight officers came to the Arrowhead Neighborhood in an effort to familiarize themselves with the residents and the neighborhood. This is part of the continuing effort at Community Oriented Policing. Integral to the concept is public participation in insuring a safe, law-abiding community. A Neighborhood Watch program could be a strong and effective component of this, but it would require community participation. Past efforts to establish a Neighborhood Watch program have failed due to lack of people willing to participate. Perhaps now would be a good time to establish this program. If you are interested, please contact Larry Rowell at: neighborhoodsafety@arrowheadhomes.org

2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Annual Dues are \$95. You can pay on our website or by mail. Make checks payable to Arrowhead Homeowners Association. Mail to PO Box 241353, Montgomery, Al. 36124-1353. If you wish to donate additional funds to the Association, any amount will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

We wish to thank those who care enough about their community to join the association and help financially support the upkeep on the entrances and street signs. This helps maintain the property values and makes the community safer. Please consider joining and helping support your neighborhood. For less than \$8.00 a month you will be protecting the value of your property and help making the community more livable for everyone.