

October 2009

# HILLCREST CROSSING

*Hillcrest Crossing Homeowners Association*

## *The Crossing*

*A Newsletter To A Caring Community*

### **HCHA board elects Joe Steen vice president**

Thank you for letting our longtime board members, Pat Jones, Tom Jones and Ken Burroughs know how much we appreciated their service during their tenures.

During our last board meeting, Joe Steen, who had served

as vice president some years ago, was again elected vice president. Make sure you let Joe know how pleased we are to have his expertise at work for our neighborhood.

And, please feel free to contact the HCHA board about your con-

cerns for our community safety and standards.

In Hillcrest Crossing, we are dedicated to watching out for our neighbors and doing our parts to make this community a caring environment for all of us.

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### **Burglary reminds us to use and update our security systems**

A burglary at the home of Brian Walker, 1212 Hillcrest Crossing West, reminds us all that we should be vigilant in our observations and serious about using and updating our security systems.

Walker said Friday morning, Oct. 16, that someone had kicked in a door on the north side of his home, while he was away.

The burglars took a .22-caliber rifle and two flat-screen televisions. He said the damage to the doorway was more

than \$1,000.

Walker had just moved back into the house and had not re-activated his security system, but it is now working and has been updated.

There were many workman vehicles around his residence, while renovation was being done. This can lull us into paying less attention and not questioning unfamiliar vehicles in the area.

So, let's remember to use our security systems and keep watching out for one another.

## Things to do for your home before winter arrives

As responsible homeowners, we know there are a handful of maintenance tasks we need to complete before winter moves in. Our winters are not very harsh, but here is a list of tasks to consider. You may have your own list. If so, compare it against this one from ServiceMagic. These are considered essential “must do's” before winter.

Inspect your roof, or get a professional roof inspection to identify roof damage you may be able to fix for hundreds, instead of thousands, of dollars. This inspection should also tell you the condition of your attic ventilation. If you simply can't come up with the \$200-\$300 fee, at the very least conduct your own visual inspection and look for obvious signs of wear-and-tear.

Make sure the gutters are clean. Probably the most common and most neglected task of the bunch, don't take gutter cleaning for granted. It's true that winter months in Mobile are usually the driest, but proper cleaning is best done when it's cool.

Insulate and seal your windows. If you don't already have double-pane windows,

it's time to jump on the bandwagon. With heating costs, few home improvements pay for themselves as quickly as window replacement. Take a look at your window frames. They may need new sealant.

Seal and inspect your doors. Some homeowners pay so much attention to their windows they forget the doors. Take a look at your entry door and seal any air leaks. Use weatherstripping to help seal joints.

Inspect your heating system. This one has a ton of positive aspects. Catching problems with the heating system early always saves a bunch of money. It will also give you time to plan for a replacement system, if needed. Change the filter, no matter the age or condition of your system.

Winterize your sprinkler system and cover your spigots.

We don't really have to worry about severe snow or ice storms, but an inch of ice can shut us down. There is still no substitute for an emergency kit, complete with extra food and water, a reliable radio, and a first-aid kit— just in case.

## Please help us keep walkways clear and views uncluttered

Several of our neighbors, who walk for exercise, have complained about vehicles blocking walkways.

Please try to park your vehicles in the garage, and if there is not sufficient room, park in the driveway, far enough to keep the walk paths clear.

Some have to use walkers and other devices, even scooters. Vehicles parked on the walks make it very difficult for them to pass. Many times they are forced to go into the street to get past cars or trucks parked on the sidewalk, which isn't a safe route.

### Parking on the Grass

There have also been occasions where visitors, or repairmen, pull vehicles onto lawn areas. Please encourage anyone visiting or working at your home to either park on driveways or in the street, not on the lawn.

Sprinkler systems can be damaged and grass is certainly killed when vehicles are pulled onto lawn areas. It's not just tires smashing into the grass, but many times there are toxic liquids that drain off, or out of engines, transmissions or exhaust systems that will kill the grass.

### First Impressions

Unfortunately we have complaints that garbage cans, or other utility containers, have been left at the front of homes in Hillcrest Crossing. Our neighborhood has a reputation for being clean and the city has specific rules concerning handling of garbage receptacles. Your container should be placed at the curb by **6 a.m.** the morning of collection day and removed from the curb no later than **7 p.m.** that day. Please do not leave garbage or utility containers in open view during the week on non-pickup days.

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## October 16, 2009

MT-01	Victor & Jean Gaston	1136 W.	639-2555	26	Ben & Frances Neighbors	1201 W.	633-7073
MT-02	Prentiss & Patricia Wilson	1132 W.	639-7494	27	Phillip & Laura Bellew	1205 W.	639-2544
MT-03	Ken & Margaret Nettles	1128 W.	633-7852	28	Peggy Crane	1209 W.	634-0300
MT-04	Anne Wyatt	1124 W.	633-3784	29	Peter & Billie Van Der Giessen	1213 W.	639-7449
MT-05	Joe & Marie Carter	1120 W.	633-3109	30	<b>John &amp; Faye Sellers</b>	1217 W.	633-4837
MT-06	Marty and <b>Sue Forsyth</b>	1116 W.	455-1308	31	Doris Wolfe	1221 W.	639-0678
MT-07	Pat Jones	1112 W.	639-1947	32	Gary Schumacher	6508 S.	635-1223
MT-08	Bonnie Beyer	1108 W.	776-5675	33	Charles & Darlene Snyder	6504 S.	402-1391
MT-09	Jan Spence	1104 W.	648-2695	34	Nancy Prine	6500 S.	639-1976
	D.J. Drury	(850)	572-3539	35	Cheryl Jefferson	1216 E.	n/a
MT-10	Carlton & JoAnn Holley	1100 W.	635-1125	36	Janet Lambert	1212 E.	633-2446
MT-11	Josephine P. Haidt	1101 W.	607-7175	37	Paulette Ripps	1208 E.	633-7408
MT-12	<b>Joe &amp; Sue Steen</b>	1105 W.	634-0992	38	Frances Taylor	1204 E.	639-7009
MT-13	Carroll & Anna Butler	1109 W.	634-8938	39	Joe & Loraine Wade	1200 E.	633-7700
MT-14	Dan & Laura Stover	1113 W.	639-1910	P2-1	Edna Rubley	1196 E.	639-1013
MT-15	Carole Perez	1117 W.	634-2553	P2-2	<b>Frank &amp; Cathy Reese</b>	1192 E.	776-5918
MT-16	Tom & Elizabeth Jones	1121 W.	607-9764	P2-3	Mary Malone	1188 E.	607-0999
MT-17	Joe & Marjorie Oberkirch	1125 W.	607-0267	P2-4	Barbara Wasiak	1184 E.	633-9953
MT-18	Jerry York	1129 W.	639-6902	P2-5	Conan & Edna Davis	1180 E.	639-1812
MT-19	Robert & Charlotte Forrester	1133 W.	634-0442	P2-6	Ken & Betty Burroughs	1118 E.	639-9709
MT-20	Ralph E. & Elaine Mitchell	1137 W.	634-9634	P2-7	Jimmy & Jimmy Carol Fisher	1114 E.	635-1929
01	Melissa Pilot	6417 S.	634-3885	P2-8	James & Frances Wiggins	1110 E.	634-9502
02	Vevia M. Lund	6421 S.	639-9958	P2-9	Geary & Bonnie McDonald	1106 E.	633-4714
03	Frank & Peggy Clements	6425 S.	209-86	P2-10	Debra Zampieri	1102 E.	634-8499
04	Denny Tutwiler	6429 S.	607-7063	P2-11	Frank & Barbara Schottgen	1103 E.	776-7337
05	Dr. Jim Bailey	6433 S.	633-0004	P2-12	Robert & Judith Salter	1107 E.	639-6917
06	Bob and Chris Hinrichs	6437 S.	634-8342	P2-13	Mike & <b>Marsha DeAngelis</b>	1111 E.	607-9109
07	<b>Roy &amp; Delores Carter</b>	6441 S.	633-3550	P2-14	Marlu Vance	1115 E.	633-3993
08	Karl & Joan Henriksen	6445 S.	633-6531	P2-15	Jeff & Mary Sessions	1119 E.	634-3049
09		6449 S.		P2-16	Nettie "Tippy" Weber	1181 E.	634-0247
10	Tom & Jane Sawyer	6453 S.	634-1882	P2-17	Annette Jordan	1185 E.	633-6349
11	Lamar Fuller	6501 S.	639-1928	P2-18	David & Robin Taylor	1189 E.	634-3255
12	J.Charles Brown	6505 S.	633-0839	P2-19	Harvel & Dorann Owens	1193 E.	607-0601
13	Betty Robbins	6509 S.	633-6125	P2-20	John & Eloise Lambert	1197 E.	634-1434
14	Jeanice Pritchett	6513 S.	666-9550	40	Cecelia D. Bromley	1201 E.	607-9934
15	Carol Caron	6517 S.	633-5988	41	Jean Reiner	1205 E.	633-3395
16	Pauline Felder	6521 S.	633-9730	42	Cecile Davis	1209 E.	639-3436
17	Valencia Hoven	6525 S.	661-1523	43	Jim & Tookie Hadley	1213 E.	639-9096
18	Ruth Keeler	1228 W.	633-7746	44	Katie & Billy McDermott	1217 E.	607-9666
19	Bruce & Wendy Slaughter	1224 W.	633-2785	45	Stan & Jackie Wilkie	6448 S.	n/a
20	Nadine Powell	1220 W.	607-9167	46	<b>Jesse &amp; Ann Williams</b>	6444 S.	639-3113
21	Chris Turner	1216 W.	633-2485	47	Wayne Gay & Jean Griffin	6440 S.	607-0240
22	Brian Walker	1212 W.	639-0654	48	Ron & Robbie Nabors	6436 S.	776-6815
23	Ann Evans	1208 W.	633-4725	49	Ramona McNeal	6432 S.	639-6816
24	Suzan Pearlman	1204W.	639-9256	50	Markus & Martina Forsch	6428 S.	259-5513
25	Pat & Margaret Howze	1200 W.	633-3183		Moritz Forsch		

**BOLD** denotes board member

2009 Trash Pickup Schedule Fridays	2009 Garbage Pickup Schedule Tuesdays	2009 Paper Pickup Schedule Tuesdays
<b>Oct. 2, 16 and 23</b> <b>Nov. 13 and 27</b> <b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27</b> <b>Nov. 3, 10, 17, and 24</b> <b>Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29</b>	<b>Oct. 13 and 27</b> <b>Nov. 10 and 24</b> <b>Dec. 8 and 22</b>

## Linked on line

Many of us are equipped to use the Internet and e-mail for a number of tasks, such as our bill paying, investing and keeping in contact with children and grandchildren.

The board is working to offer an information page on the Internet, which will be a place to check on neighbors or get news of special events or projects.

In order to make this work and to be able to deliver our newsletters digitally to all who have online hookups, we are asking you to

provide us with your e-mail address.

To make this as smooth as possible, please e-mail John Sellers at:

[jis301@jaguar1.usouthal.edu](mailto:jis301@jaguar1.usouthal.edu)

I will use the e-mail address you provide to build a mailing list for the community.

Thank you for helping with this project. I believe once we get linked on line, we can share important neighborhood information and make our community closer and safer.

## Starting a HOME page

A Hillcrest Crossing home page has been launched as part of the [www.dibbs.net](http://www.dibbs.net) Web site.

When you visit the dibbs site, there are two links in the left column. The top link is for Hillcrest Crossing.

Linking to the Hillcrest Crossing Web page gives you access to the current newsletter and to previous newsletters. It will also offer a chance for news concerning our community to be posted there.

There is a contact link that will allow anyone to e-mail an article or news item for the newsletter and afford all home-

owners to e-mail a question for the board. Please go check out the page and let us know what you think of the start-up phase.

Soon, the page will have links to our covenants and our by-laws so that our residents and those interested in becoming residents can access them easily.

In order to go straight to the Hillcrest Crossing page, without going to the dibbs site, type this into your address bar, or URL search prompt:

<http://www.dibbs.net/HCHA/index.html>

This is the official page name for the Hillcrest Crossing index. Have fun.

## Keeping our community looking good

The board has heard from some who are concerned with keeping our entrance



way attractive. Please feel free to e-mail the board with your ideas for board discussion. We are considering a committee to either care for flower beds at the entry, or be in charge of contacting an agency or individual in that business for quarterly care estimates. Let us know if you would like to be on the committee.

Please let us have your ideas. You can call one of us, drop a note at one of our doors when you are out walking, or send an e-mail with your suggestions.