



# Living the Saddletree Lifestyle

A Publication of the  
Saddletree Homeowners Association

**SPRING/  
SUMMER  
2008**

## President's Report

### Saddletree Among Best Neighborhoods 2008 holds opportunities for members

Welcome to our first Saddletree Homeowners Association newsletter of 2008.

Our annual meeting was held at the Optimist Park building on January 31st, and at that meeting, the following members of the Board of Directors were elected:

Bill Taylor	President
Jake Jakoubek	Vice President
Kari Hawkins	Secretary
Len Worlund	Treasurer
Winnie Sewell	Member-at-large

My thanks to the nominating committee, led by Ginnie Brandau, for leading the effort to come up with this slate, and

to the other members of the new Board of Directors for agreeing to serve.

I would also like to thank Tony LaMacchia, Doug Love, Winnie Sewell, Larry Jeziorski and Debbie Wells, our past board members for their dedicated service to our association.

At our meeting on January 31st several changes were made to our by-laws. Bev Williamson led this effort, including consulting with attorneys, to help us arrive at changes which best suit our association today. These changes have been signed by the board, and are available to all members.

The new Board of Directors met on  
Please see PRESIDENT, page 4.

## 2008 Dues are NOW Due

Please remit to homeowners association

Annual assessment for all lots is \$30 for 2008. The Board of Directors anticipates that all members will pay in a timely manner. Some members of the Saddletree Homeowners Association have already paid. But, there are many who have not.

If this is an "OPPS, I FORGOT" moment for you, "there is still time." The assessment is due no later than April 1 (NO JOKE). Annual assessment is delinquent after May 1.

Payment may be made by:

\* Mailing a check to Saddletree Homeowners Association, P. O Box 798, Huntsville, AL 35804 OR

\* Placing a check in the secured mailbox for Saddletree Homeowners Association at the Spicewood bridge entrance to our picnic area. The mailman does not deliver to this mailbox since there is no residence at that location.

After May 1, the Board has to consider the use of liens or other actions as defined in the association's by-laws. These processes result in expenditures of resources that the Board prefers to avoid.

Anyone living in the adjoining area may join the Saddletree Homeowners Association by sending \$15. These funds are used primarily to maintain the main entrance at Saddletree and to keep the service road presentable.

### Upcoming Events

Common Area

Clean-Up Day

Sat., May 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00am

Rain Date - May 24<sup>th</sup>

Saddletree

Picnic

Sat., May 31<sup>st</sup>

1:00pm

Common Area

Hosts:

Reek & Wanda Wilson

Rain Date - June 7<sup>th</sup>

Neighborhood

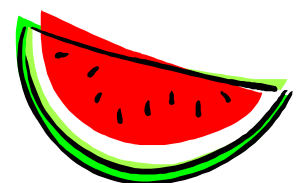
Garage Sale

Sat., June 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00am-1:00pm

Call: Winnie Sewell,

536-3468



## Picnics Bring Saddletree Neighbors Together for Fun!

Saddletree has two picnics each year at our green space on Sutcliff Drive.

Our first one will be on Saturday, May 31st, beginning at 1p.m., with a rain date on Saturday, June 7th. It will be hosted by Reek and Wanda Wilson.

The second is planned for Saturday, September 27th, with a rain date of October 4th, and will be hosted by Dale and Marianne Stevens.

Beverages (soft drinks), paper products and the entree will be furnished by the association. Each family attending is asked to bring a side dish (vegetable, salad or desert) that would serve 10 to share with the group.

We have tables at the green space, but plan to bring lawn chairs so we will have plenty of seating.

Circle May 31st and September 27th on your calendar and meet some



wonderful neighbors! Saddletree is the best kept secret in Huntsville!

## Time to Clean Out for Annual Garage Sale!

The annual Saddletree Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

This event is available to everyone in our subdivision. All you have to do is clean out your closets and garage!!

The Association will do the advertising with *The Huntsville Times* and provide each participating household with a packet of supplies (balloons for your mailbox and an informational sheet).

If your household would like to par-

ticipate, please call Winnie Sewell, 536-3468. Leave your name, address and telephone number on the answer-



ing machine.

If by June 2nd seven or more households have not responded, the event will be cancelled.

If you have been thinking about having a sale, please participate with the neighborhood. If you are not participating, please get out and support your neighbors, even if that means just visiting!

{Please note we will not have a rain date. This event will occur rain or shine.}

### Neighborly News from Saddletree

\* Congratulations to Nan and John McBride, 2103 Raincreek Trail who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 30th, 2007.

\* Welcome to our new neighbors, Mary Conner, 2124 Raincreek Trail, and Floyd and Lee Frazier, 2127 Greenslope Trail.

\* Condolences:

To Jamey and Crystal Butler, 2006 Rosalie Ridge, on the death of Jamey's mother, Gayle Wilson Butler.

Also to Reek and Wanda Wilson, 2014 Great Hills Drive, on the death of Reek's sister, Gayle Wilson Butler.

To Rick and Cindy Mell, 2628 Spicewood Trail, on the death of Cindy's mother, Jean Alice Kay.

The association has continued to make donations to the Huntsville Botanical Garden in the name of these dear loved ones, and this is much appreciated by their families.

### Community Watch Keeps Neighborhood Safer

Thanks to all our Community Watch volunteers. The Saddletree neighborhood is much safer because of your efforts.

For those of you on the Saddletree Community Watch team, there are a few "housekeeping" notices that you should keep in mind so that our schedule continues to work smoothly.

First, please remember to carry the book and car magnet signs to the next person when you complete your turn.

Second, if you are unable to do your turn, make sure the next person gets the book and magnet signs or call Reek Wilson so he can transfer them for you.

For those of you wanting to volunteer for Community Watch, please give Reek a call. His phone number is 534-8605.

And, lastly, thanks to Chris Christiansen for his computer support with our rotation list.

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# Clubs Offer Something for All Saddletree Residents

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Saddletree men meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. for breakfast at Mullins Restaurant. We would like to have more men attend this get together. Conversation around the table may be on politics, sports, neighborhood happenings or any interesting topic. Mark your calendar for April 2 and meet your interesting Saddletree neighbors.

## LADIES LUNCHEONS

Ladies don't forget our Saddletree luncheons. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at a different restaurant for a delicious lunch and lots of catching up on the latest news. April 3 we will meet at Teranova's, May 1 we will meet at Market Street Café, and we will try a new restaurant, Tortora's, on June 5. Call Wanda Wilson at 534-8605 if you would like to get on our calling list. Hope to see some new faces at our next luncheon.

## BRIDGE GROUP

The neighborhood has a ladies' Party Bridge Group that plays in members' homes on the fourth Monday of every month at 9 a.m. If anyone is interested in becoming a substitute player in this group, please contact Martha Ann Reagan at 536-1476.

## LADIES BUNCO

We have a night Bunco group that plays on the first Monday of each month. We meet at 7p.m. and finish play at 9 p.m. This is a fun game that can be learned in no more than 5 minutes. We need one person for our group. If you would like to join us as a regular or would like to sub for us, call Judi Hornsey at 539-7548. At the present, the Monday morning group is temporarily suspended. Hopefully we can reorganize. This group would meet on the first Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. If you would like to play Bunco in the morning group, call Judi. This is a fun way to meet your Saddletree neighbors.

## SADDLETREE

### PAGE TURNERS

The Ladies' Page Turners Book Club continues to meet the third Monday of each month. We will read Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez during March, Digging to America by Anne Tyler during April, and Away by Amy Bloom for May. Each member of the group takes a turn at suggesting a book and leading the discussion. A different member serves as hostess. The book club has read 45 books since that first meeting. Each one has been a learning experience for the members.

## SADDLETREE

### SUPPER CLUB

FUN! FUN! FUN! is what we have every third Saturday night of the month. We gather at our different homes and socialize, then eat and socialize some more! And this way we are not only neighbors, but we become friends. We would like for you to join us and not only be our neighbors, but also become our friends. We met at Carl and Dianne Croy's home in March for a delightful Saint Patrick's Day party. There was plenty of corn beef and cabbage and everyone wore "a touch of the green." Len and Kenie Worlund will host the April party and Ginny Brandau will be the hostess in May. If you are interested in joining this group, please call Nan McBride at 533-3699.

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## Neighbor-Keeping Issues

### WALKING DOGS —

Just a gentle reminder: While walking your dogs, be prepared to clean up after them. It appears that some neighbors have gotten lax on this issue. Also, be aware that many expensive plants in yards and around mail boxes can be destroyed by animal urine.

### RUMOR OF BREAK-IN —

After discussion with the homeowner, we can put to bed the rumor of a break-in at the Kilbourn's, 2130 Raincreek Trail. This was a misunderstanding on our part as to when and where this happened. However, we should all continue to be on our guard for suspicious activity in the neighborhood, and report it to the police when warranted.

### YARD SIGNS —

The election season is upon us, and as we near election day in November, it is appropriate that we remember that the Saddletree Covenants specifically forbid yard signs, except for a sign offering a lot or home for sale or rent (Article 6.07). Please be mindful of this restriction, even though you might desire to advertise your choices more openly.

Saddletree  
board members  
wish all  
residents  
a safe and  
fun summer  
season!



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March 3rd to discuss several topics. Most remain "in work", but one significant item was approved by the board. We have agreed to pursue having a Saddletree Homeowners Association web site. This site would allow access to meeting minutes, by-laws and covenants, newsletters, current topics, a current calendar of events for the association, contacts and more as we incorporate appropriate items. Jake Jakoubek has agreed to lead the effort, and has an approach pretty well thought out. The initial and annual costs are not significant, and we will include this cost in our budget for next year.

My first priority as your president is to maintain our fine subdivision as a beautiful and high quality/high value residential area. It has been and remains today a very desirable place to live (for example, during my walk around our streets this week I did not see any homes for sale). So with the board's help, and with the aid and assistance of you, our association members, we will continue to keep Saddletree among the best Madison County has to offer.

Bill

## Saddletree Calendar

- \* **Sat., May 17** – 9 a.m.;  
Spring/Summer Cleanup; Common Area; Rain Date: May 24.
- \* **Sat., May 31** – 1 p.m.;  
Saddletree Picnic; Common Area; Hosts: Reek & Wanda Wilson; Rain Date – June 7.
- \* **Sat., June 7** – 8 a.m.– 1 p.m.;  
Neighborhood Garage Sale; Call: Winnie Sewell, 536-3468.
- \* **Sat., Sept. 13** – 9 a.m.;  
Fall Cleanup; Common Area; Rain Date – Sept. 20.
- \* **Sat., Sept. 27** – 1 p.m.;  
Saddletree Picnic; Common Area; Hosts: Dale & Marianne Stevens; Rain Date – October 4.
- **Sat., Dec. 13** – 5-9 p.m.;  
Saddletree Luminaries; Sponsor: Ellen Taylor; Rain Date – Dec. 20.
- \* **Thurs. Jan. 15** – 7 p.m.;  
Annual Meeting; Location: TBD.

### MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Monday** – 7 p.m.; Bunco; Wanda Wilson, 534-8605.
- 1st Wednesday** – 8 a.m.; Men's Breakfast at Mullin's; Reek Wilson, 534-8605.
- 1st Thursday** – 11 a.m.; Ladies Luncheon; Wanda Wilson, 534-8605.
- 3rd Monday** – 7 p.m.; Pageturners Book Club; Ellen Taylor, 551-0550.
- 3rd Saturday** – 6:30 p.m.; Supper Club; Nan McBride, 533-3699.
- 4th Monday** – 9 a.m.; Bridge Group; Martha Ann Reagan, 536-1476

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