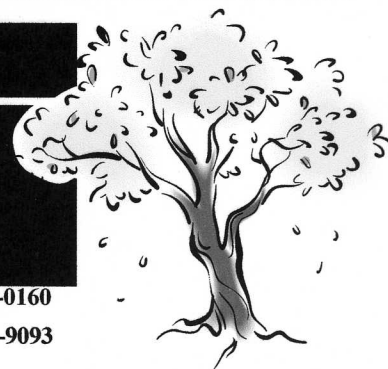


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Lake Forest/Mitylene Forest Neighborhood Newsletter



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In this season of gratitude and sharing, we might pause to appreciate our homes and neighbors and think about how we can share in the preservation and improvement of our community.

SHARE THE FUN. Thanks to all the neighbors who have decorated for fall and Halloween and given everyone a reason to smile!

SHARE THE NEWS. We have about \$5,000 in the association account, with \$150 per month in fixed expenses (electricity and water), plus postage and supplies to maintain the entrances. A complete treasurer's report is available at the neighborhood website.

An association committee has been researching the cost of replacing the sign at the Atlanta Highway entrance by collecting pictures of numerous signs around the city and obtaining estimates of their costs. It appears that it will cost between \$6,500 and \$8,500 to replace the sign. We currently have about \$3000 available for the sign. **We can EASILY replace it if more residents join the association**—for \$30 a year, or only \$2.50 a month.

Another committee is working to divide the neighborhood into sections. Volunteers will be needed to serve as block captains for each of the sections to help with communications and delivery of newsletters, which will save \$250 in postage for each mailing. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our treasurer.

SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY. The architectural review committee helps homeowners avoid unnecessary delays and problems by letting them know what structures are permitted within the covenants and city ordinances and when it is necessary to obtain a building permit from the city.

We have recently had some unauthorized building of fences, buildings, and carports. As our neighborhood gets older, it is extremely important that we preserve the appearance and integrity of our community in order to maintain property values. **Included with this newsletter are copies of the covenants for both Lake Forest and Mitylene Forest.** These covenants were in the abstract when you purchased your home, and you agreed to abide by them with your signature at closing. **Contact Richard Bollinger at 279-9093 before constructing anything.** If you observe violations of the covenants, please contact Ron Wright at 271-3142. (Note: Copies of the covenants, or plat restrictions, are available on the web site).

SHARE THE PRIDE. Many mailboxes and posts are in desperate need of paint, and many need to be replaced. Refurbishing mailboxes is a quick way to provide curb (and neighborhood) appeal. You can get a new mailbox at Wal-Mart for \$9.95. Doyle Bingham will repair or replace the post if necessary. You can contact him at 269-9009 or 799-1018.

SHARE THE SAME CONCERNS. We have had some break-ins in the neighborhood over the last few weeks. Make sure that your home is secured and your alarm system is activated when you leave. Large TVs and other electronics are prime targets; therefore, when you purchase a new TV, computer, etc., be careful about placing the empty box on the street to be picked up. It is better to cut up the box and place it in the trash.

SHARE THE ROAD. Be aware that driving a golf cart on city streets violates city ordinance—and can be dangerous. Several homeowners have expressed concerns about young people driving carts and carrying several passengers who are not properly seated.

