



Weatherly

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Spring Brings New Life to Our Little Hood

Ahhhhh, the magical transformation of spring is finally here - and it couldn't have happened in any better place. With the teasing aroma of freshly cut grass, the extraordinary colors of explosive azaleas, and lively new dogwood blossoms comes our special opportunity to enjoy families and friends at the pool, in backyard BBQs, on our tennis courts or long lazy walks holding a leash along our beautiful parkways.

We have a wonderful new mall one short mile away, more churches than we can say grace over, a great city, and now Joe's fine Italian - how does it get any better than this?

Your Weatherly Residential Association Board encourages you to act promptly when remitting your annual association dues next month and wants you to know that good stewardship is what you see in the works in your community as a result.

The operational budget is dependent upon the fulfillment of our obligation to remit annual dues. The return on that investment continues to enhance our community in a good way. We truly are better than the sum of our parts.

Check out the newly refurbished pool furniture - and the new quality tennis nets - and how about that improved landscaping? It's a small springtime illustration of how our community is one of Shelby county's finest, populated by great folks who are proud to call this place home.

Look to this newsletter to keep residents informed about what's happening in the neighborhood. We hope to make this communication a more regular visitor in your home as well as an online resource. If you have anything you would like to contribute please send it along to your sector representative.

And remember - stay current on the latest news by going to the Weatherly Residential Association's website: www.weatherlyresidential.info

Swim & Tennis & Party Galore!

We're looking forward again this year to the annual kick-off pool party for residents pool side! Everyone is always welcome to celebrate the seasonal opening of the pool for summer fun! Bring your appetite as free hot dogs, sodas, cookies, chips and treats abound! For the tykes in the group we plan on a blow-up-fun-thing to keep them having fun. Volunteers are needed to work the event and make it fun for all involved. Contact Maryanne Brown at 789-1963 to offer any help you can. A party committee is being formed right now!

Make a Note - the pool opens May 1st.



You Are Invited To The Monthly WRA Meetings!

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the STC Clubhouse. We encourage your attendance at the meetings so that you may observe first hand any current events that impact our community. Your presence is always welcome, we have plenty of chairs - one of them is yours!

The Weatherly Residential Association Board is comprised of volunteers elected by each sector. Elections for sector representatives to the WRA Board will be held in May. If you are interested in being placed on the ballot, please contact Butch Roberson, at 358-8047 - our community depends on the leadership from people like you.

Weatherly Real Estate Update

Weatherly continues to be one of Alabaster's most popular neighborhoods: The swimming pool, tennis courts, sidewalks and bike lanes, convenience to local shopping and dining, proximity to Birmingham and Hwy 280, and the family friendly nature of the neighborhood are just a few things that make our neighborhood a great place to call home. Over the last 6 months 8 homes have

Dates to Remember

- 5/1 Pool Opens full time
- 5/10 Mother's Day
- 5/19 Weatherly Residential Board Meeting
- 5/16 WRA Garage Sale
- 5/22 Last Day of Shelby County Schools
- 5/25 Memorial Day

sold at an average sale price of \$144,825. There are 3 more homes currently under contract at an average price of \$158,233. There are currently 25 homes for sale at an average asking price of \$183,068.

Homes are still selling in Weatherly. With interest rates at historic lows and the new \$8000 tax credit for first time buyers, I anticipate good things for Weatherly real estate this year. If you know someone home shopping and if you enjoy Weatherly, have them check out the homes that are for sale in Weatherly - Josh Ray, Glenn Abbey resident and local RE/MAX Realtor.

Guest Lists

Remember to complete the forms you will receive very soon listing all your extended household family so the monitors and management folks will have correct records.

Today's health tip: Keep your kidneys healthy

According to the National Kidney Foundation, about one in nine Americans have chronic kidney disease. The number is expected to rise unless people get serious about prevention.

To keep your kidneys healthy: exercise regularly, control your weight, avoid prolonged use of over-the-counter painkillers, monitor your blood pressure and cholesterol, eat a healthful diet and don't smoke or abuse alcohol.

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Guacamole Potato Salad

This recipe combines two summer favorites in one: avocado makes the dressing



super creamy with only the tiniest addition of mayo. But beware - it's so additively luscious and tangy that it's bound to end your life-long love affair with regular picnic potato salad.

RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

- 3 pounds red potatoes
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 ripe avocado, peeled
- 2 teaspoons grated lime zest
- Juice of 2 limes (about 1/2 cup)
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 celery stalks, sliced

1. In a large pot, cover the potatoes with cold water. Add the 2 tablespoons of salt and bring the potatoes to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer until the potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes or until you can pierce them easily with a paring knife. Drain them in a colander and allow to cool.

2. Meanwhile, puree the avocado, lime zest and juice, garlic, cilantro, mayonnaise, and remaining salt in a food processor until smooth. If the dressing seems too thick, add a tablespoon or so of hot water.

3. Cut the potatoes into bite-size chunks (leave the skins on) and place them in a large bowl with the celery. Scrape in the dressing with a rubber spatula and gently stir it all together. Serve immediately, or cover and chill. Serves 8 to 10.

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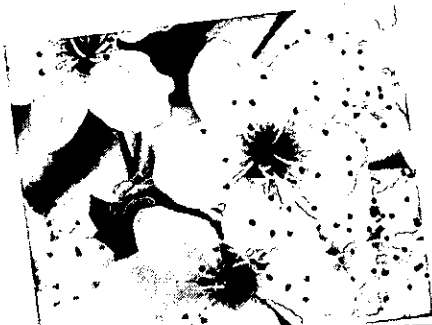
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Garden Club Special Event for All!

A special field trip is scheduled for April 7 as the Weatherly Garden Club departs the Clubhouse promptly at 9:00 a.m. for a private home garden outing. Stewart Myers, owner of **Myer's Plants & Pottery** will be our guest speaker on May 5. Not only will you have the opportunity to become a more informed gardener, you can participate in community service projects (including the new Alabaster Greenway), share gardening secrets with your neighbors, swap plants and meet your neighbors. We come together the first Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. September through May The dues are only \$20 for a full year's membership in our fun and exciting Weatherly Garden Club! For more information contact Camille Maier at cmaier4396@bellsouth.net or Glenda Dicks at gmdicks@bellsouth.net. We always welcome new thumbs - green or otherwise!

**Weatherly Garden Club
Meets Tuesday of each month at the
Clubhouse at 9:00 a.m.**

“ QUOTE OF THE MONTH
The best way to cheer
yourself up is to try to cheer
someone else up..... ”
- Mark Twain

Dobbins Ridge Update

Many will remember the recent issues voted upon concerning the development of property adjacent Club Drive called Dobbins Ridge. Our community voted in 2007 to consider acceptance of the proposed community into our association complete with all of our amenities.

That project has been discontinued for myriad of reasons and developers have the land up for sale. Challenges about secondary roadway access plagued progress - so for now the land will remain as is.

If and when any other developers acquire the land and make plans for the residential development of Dobbins ridge know that the WRA will do everything possible to keep residents informed.

Weatherly Tennis Court Policy

The rules posted at the tennis courts govern their use and serve as the policy adopted by the Weatherly Residential Association (WRA). These use rules are very conventional for the surface type and the number of players on the courts.

We all want the freedom to enjoy the beautiful tennis courts to their fullest, so it is natural to have questions about the policy or perhaps whether a policy is even necessary. The cornerstone of each rule is player safety therefor an accommodating but working policy is a good thing.

Our tennis courts are actually a marvel of form and function.

The tennis court surface is an aggregate compound of vulcanized and fine sanded asphalt that differs from the traditional asphalt pavement surface used in roadways. It is a firmer surface, more rigid than soft common asphalt. The tennis court has much more surface integrity.

An important feature of this surface is its texture - as the engineer would describe, "standard coefficient of friction." It accounts for the tennis ball's

predictable bounce and spin behavior over the entire court.

There is an even more critical reason for such a standard of friction - and that is the elimination of players' risk of injury! If any irregularity exists in the surface as a result of the smallest greasy spot, or dent from roller blades or hard sole leather shoe, a player could easily twist an ankle!

Tennis play involves constant cutting and running moves across the surface and a player's control in rapid directional change is what makes the game surface so critical. Even the paint that makes up the lines designating court bounds is developed to have identical friction as the adjacent surfaces.

The tennis court surface sheds water and is quick to dry after exposure to rain and it reflects radiant energy so as not to store heat from the sunlight, making it cooler for players. The court is nearly the same temperature as the air temperature. Regular concrete or asphalt would store so much radiant from the sun's heat one could not comfortably spend any time on the surface, especially while running around chasing tennis balls!

Tennis is great fun for families and as well as the serious slammer. It's a wonderful way to get off the couch and into the game! A court like ours will last many productive and fun-filled years as long as we respect these simple rules - **tennis shoes only, no activity other than tennis play, no skateboarding, no roller blades, no pets, no food products** - it all makes good sense for our fine facility and in turn our resident's safe play.

Tennis Tip

Always hydrate at least one hour before you enter the court to play. Continue to drink through your rest periods on the court. Did you know? - Most players burn about 500+ calories and loose two quarts of fluid/hour. 40-luv.



HELLO! I HOPE EVERYONE IS ENJOYING THE WARMER WEATHER and finding time to spend with their family and friends. It truly is a privilege to serve the residents of Weatherly and Ward 1. I'd like to update you on a few issues going on in our neighborhood.

Street repairs continue along areas of Weatherly Club Drive. The goal is to eliminate large puddles of water that collect and stand after a hard rain. This job will be complete soon resulting in safer driver conditions.

The City is also looking at beginning street repairs along Alabaster Boulevard. Research and planning is underway with repairs beginning in the near future.

An Alabaster Financial Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Alabaster United Methodist Church. This event is free and is sponsored by the City of Alabaster. Experts will be on hand to offer help and information regarding mortgage questions, credit counseling, healthcare coverage and career services. Representatives from local emergency assistance programs will also be available.

I'd like to thank the Weatherly Residential Association Board for volunteering their time and efforts for our neighborhood. To support and stay informed of what's happening in Weatherly, I encourage residents to attend the board meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

For the latest information involving Weatherly or Ward 1, please log on to www.sophiemartin.us. I update this website regularly to keep residents informed about important news and special events taking place in our community. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Kindest regards, Sophie Martin



Clubhouse Rental

Weatherly clubhouse is available to rent for weddings, receptions, parties, or other special meetings. Remember too - residents may rent the clubhouse facility free to host residents-only events Monday - Thursday - the usual cleaning and security deposits apply. To request a reservation, please call 205-358-8047 and someone will contact you for scheduling and required documentation.

Covenants

The Protective Covenants require that any changes/improvements to the outside of your house must be approved prior to commencement of work by the Architectural Review Committee. Please submit your written detailed requests to Weatherly Management Company for consideration:

Butch Roberson
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Pet Reminder

Weatherly is a pet friendly environment and we want residents to enjoy walking with their pets around the community. Please remember to take along your "pooper scooper" and clean up after your pets.

Stuff Out - Cash in!



Neighborhood Garage Sale organized by Weatherly Residential Association (WRA) will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 7-12. More information will be posted as it becomes available, if you have any questions please contact Kelly by calling 685-0989 or emailing her at kpreveaux@bellsouth.net

New Pool Signage

Too much information - too many tacky signs? Look for a simplified and more appealing display of pool rules this year. The Swim & Tennis Committee has addressed some resident concerns about rules and signage pool-side. Most of our rules are there for resident's safety while enjoying our great pool. "....Marco...."

