



Neighborhood News

Forest Parks 43 Residential Association

Spring 2023

60 Chelsea Corners, Box 133, Chelsea, AL 35043, (205) 225-9973

Lemonade on the Lawn

An event for kids and adults with drinks, treats, & crafts! Let's get to know one another and have some fun. Watch for a reminder sign at the entrances.



Sunday, April 16, 3:00pm

148 Woodbury Drive

That's the home of Paul and Katie Thompson on the lower middle street. Thanks to them for hosting!

Event Committee & Other Opportunities

If you would like to serve on the committee to provide a couple of kid's events each year, please email neighbors@forestparks43.com. Katie and Kevin would welcome others to plan and help. Here are all your opportunities to serve. Just email us if interested.

- Welcome
- Landscaping
- Special Events
- Entrance Decorating
- Protective Covenants
- Litter Control

New Sign, New Vendor



Hopefully, you've already noticed the new sign we installed at the first entrance. We found that some people didn't know there was a residential association or Protective Covenants before purchasing a home. So, we thought some posting of that would be helpful info.

Also, we changed vendors for the lawn care and flowers at the entrance, and we expect that to really start looking better this spring.

Seven Things You Can Do

To Keep Our Neighborhood Looking Great

A well-kept neighborhood makes an impression that benefits everyone!



1. Keep your grass cut regularly. Trimming and edging add a lot to the look of your home.
2. Retrieve your trash cans Friday afternoon or night.
3. Blow or sweep your grass trimmings back into your yard instead of leaving them in the street.
4. Trim the bushes around your house. Also, keep any plants and grass trimmed back off and out of the curb.
5. Check the Protective Covenants before you build, fence, or alter your property to assure compliance.
6. Store lawn equipment and project materials out of sight unless currently in use.
7. Consider a professional lawn mowing and/or fertilization and weed-control company. Our Protective Covenants are listed on the website.



2023 Officers & Board of Directors

Seven members of the Board were elected at our 2023 Annual Meeting in January. These volunteers work for the good of the neighborhood according to the Bylaws and Protective Covenants of the Residential Association.

Doug Hicks, President
 Julian Davis, Vice-President
 Rachel Anderson, Treasurer
 Jay Gordon, Secretary

Other Board Members
 Katie Thompson
 Joe Bryant
 Janet Scott

Multi-Neighborhood Yard Sale



An annual event on the first Saturday of every May.

**Saturday, May 6
7 am to 1 pm**

Participating Neighborhoods

Forest Parks 43
Forest Lakes, The Arbors
Forest Parks 280

Start making plans to join a Multi-Neighborhood Yard Sale.

It usually draws lots of people. We will place signs at the entrances and advertise on Craigslist, Facebook, and at NextDoor.com. You are welcome to help with advertising, but if you mention the multi-neighborhood event, please promote and plan to do the 7-1 time period. Also, if you start on Friday, please advertise that separately to avoid confusion.

Bulk Trash Moves to Every Friday

Beginning in 2023, Chelsea moved to every week bulk trash collection. For the good look of the neighborhood, please put bulk trash at the curb at the last possible time. For other bulk guidelines, our website has a link to the city of Chelsea's information. There are some strict guidelines regarding paint and chemicals and size of items--brush and limbs may not be over six feet long.



Neighborhood Work Day

A work day is coming soon. Each year we try to refresh the mulch/pine straw and various other projects as needed. Watch for signage at the entrances for the date and time. Thanks to Paul

Thompson for coordinating our efforts with volunteers and contractors.



Contest Winners: Doug & Anita Orr

We gave away a gift basket to promote the payment of dues in February. The basket included a \$50 Buffalo Wild Wings gift card, a \$25 Dairy Queen Gift Card, along with a scented candle, nuts, and Godiva Chocolate.



Please Pay Your Dues!

Thanks to the many who paid already! Your contribution is keeping our neighborhood attractive and keeping the property values up! **If you haven't paid yet, please visit forestparks43.com and pay today!**



Financial Update

Just so you know, we spent almost \$4,000 more than we took in last year. Fortunately, we had a reserve and wanted to accomplish things with it. We still haven't met our needs for 2023. Please be a part of keeping the neighborhood beautiful.

Funds provide for the following:

- 1) maintaining entrances with landscaping, mowing, water, electricity, and repairs
- 2) insurance for the residential association
- 3) administrative needs like postage and signage
- 4) neighborhood events
- 5) communication like the newsletters & website

If you have any questions or want a copy of the budget, please get in touch with us through the website or by emailing neighbors@forestparks43.com.

Visit us online to pay your dues, get event info, see the Protective Covenants, and more!

ForestParks43.com

2022 Committees.

Join one and help!

The Neighborhood Association has six committees that work to make our neighborhood better. The Protective Covenants Committee of three people is established by the Board of Directors, but other committees use any number of volunteers. If you'd like to help, we've got a place for you. Just go through the contact form on our website or call (205) 225-9973. We'll help you plug in.



Six Active Committees:

- Special Events
- Entrance Decorating
- Landscaping
- Protective Covenants
- Welcome
- Litter Control

Protective Covenants

Over the last few years, we've been working to re-establish our Protective Covenants Committee in a way that meets three needs—1) keeping the neighborhood looking great, 2) reminding us all of what they include, and 3) providing notices that are kind and neighborly. Each home in the neighborhood is subject to the covenants as they are attached to every deed. Please know that as we seek to remind you of the covenants, our desire is to do so graciously.

Visit ForestParks43.com

Find all the info about our neighborhood. This is a change from forestparkshoa.com, but currently both addresses still work.

New here? Please click the "Welcome" link and let us know who you are. We have a gift bag to bring you.

