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Autumn Ridge Homeowners Newsletter

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Newsletter:

If you have questions or have an important issue that would benefit our neighborhood please email Linda at:

Linda@crosscreekdesign.net

Fall YARD SALE, Saturday, October 9, 2010



Clean Out Those Closets!

Semi-Annual Autumn Ridge Yard Sale

Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To participate, tie a balloon to your mailbox and let the Neighborhood Association take care of signs and advertising. We are asking for a \$5 donation to help defray the cost of advertising. Any excess funds will go to the park fund. To sign up, you can mail or drop your payment off at 3621 Willow Spring, Lexington, KY 40509. If you have any questions or **would like to chair the yard sale committee**, please email Michelle at mcammack@insightbb.com

Put Our Newsletter to Work for you . . .

ADVERTISE!

Quarterly Newsletter Ad Costs:

Professional Rates:

\$35 Business Card Size
\$70 Fourth Page
\$125 Half Page
\$200 Full Page

Non-Professional Rates:

\$10 Business Card Size
\$20 Fourth Page
\$40 Half Page
\$80 Full Page

LexCall 3-1-1

LexCall 3-1-1 is the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Centralized service and information contact center. LexCall was initiated in 1997 to make it easier for citizens to access their local government. In October 2006 LexCall 3-1-1 was started as your one call for City Hall.

When you call LexCall 3-1-1 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 7AM - 8PM) you will speak with a friendly person who will help you... not a recording. And now there is an easy-to-use website: lexcall.lfucg.com that will help you retrieve information, request a service, or report a problem.

Fence Construction

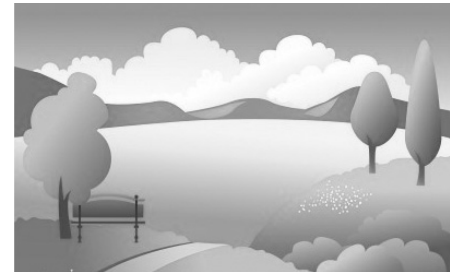
All homeowners must have approval from the Homeowners Association before beginning construction on a fence. Please allow **10-14 days** for approval.

Whom Should I Call?

LexCALL: **425-2255**
Street Lights Out: **1.800.981.0600**
Kentucky Utilities: **255.2100**
Columbia Gas: **288.0215**
Kentucky American Water Company: **269.2386**
Mosquitoes: **231.9791**
Humane Society: **233.0044**
District Court: **246.2228**
County Clerk: **253.3344**
Board of Education: **381.4100**
Property Valuation: **246.2722**
Health Department: **252.2371**

Autumn Ridge Lake Update

The Autumn Ridge Homeowner's Association applied for a grant from the Division of Water Quality in April of this year. Mayor Newberry's final signature came on August 30, 2010, which gives the neighborhood \$11,000 in grant funding for the purpose of improving the waterway (lake). The neighborhood association will be responsible for an additional \$3,000 which has been budgeted for this year. The money will be spent on lake aerators and algae control units designed to restore the balance of the lake. A lake of this type generally has a shelf life of 12 years and ours is more than 20 years old and spans 1.2 surface acres and 2.13M gallons of water. Due to the runoff from adjacent neighborhoods, muck build-up, pollution and lack of oxygen, the lake is now in crisis. We are hopeful the plan approved by the Division of Water Quality will allow the lake to start back its digestive system and restore the natural balance needed to once again be beautiful. Installation of the above-mentioned equipment is scheduled to start September 1. Changes should be noticed as early as 9 weeks, however, we do not plan to see full results until next year as the lake will go dormant in the winter months.



To help restore the lake's natural balance, everyone needs to help. Lake homeowners need to help the lake restore its digestion by ensuring no grass clippings go into the lake. Consider a no mow zone closest to the water's edge. The cattails are recommended to be left because birds use them and they are aesthetically pleasing. Fertilizing the yards around the lake can be harmful as the fertilizer washes into the lake. Other neighbors in Autumn Ridge should be careful not to put items down their storm drains that will lead into and pollute the Lake. Dredging the lake would be the next step and can be very expensive to do. Just a reminder, fish in the lake would be unhealthy to eat and public fishing (non-lake homeowners is not permitted). To learn more about non-chemical solutions to treating lakes, go to www.thepondlady.com or contact board member, Bettina Rice at bmrice1964@insightbb.com

Volunteers Welcomed!

We are looking for Volunteers to help out with various projects. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Michelle Cammack at: mcammack@insightbb.com

NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

Don't miss out! We are gathering information and ads for our New! Neighborhood Directory. If you want to run an ad (or know someone who does), have useful information or something you think should be included in our directory please email Linda Thacker at: Linda@crosscreekdesign.net

DIRECTORY AD COSTS: All Ads will be in color

Professional Rates:

\$55 Business Card Size
\$90 Fourth Page
\$145 Half Page
\$220 Full Page

Non-Professional Rates:

\$30 Business Card Size
\$40 Fourth Page
\$60 Half Page
\$100 Full Page

Maintaining Your Bradford Pear Trees

Earlier this year, your homeowner's association spent \$4,500 along with a matching grant for trimming the Bradford Pear trees which line our streets. The trees looked very good for the first few months, and then the sprouts or suckers began growing. Now, as we head into fall, after the spring and summer growing seasons, many of the trees once again should be pruned. With just a small effort from each resident we can keep the trees looking as neat and clean as they did early this spring. By spending just a few minutes of your time you can improve the health of the trees, help maintain the beauty of the neighborhood, and maximize the investment made for trimming the trees earlier this year.

Following you will find information from the internet relating to the pruning and maintenance of Bradford Pear trees:

Your Bradford Pear tree should be pruned to have one strong central leader with side scaffolding branches that are evenly spaced at wide angles. Care needs to be taken with this type of pear tree to

avoid narrow crotches. If this is not done, the limbs will eventually split away from the trunk. This will destroy the tree's shape and make it prone to disease.

While pruning, you also need to remove limbs that are upright, crossing and crowded. Suckers need to be removed to avoid them turning into woody, weak wood.



Pear trees bloom and bear fruit on the sharp, short spurs that grow between its branches. Thin the spurs regularly. Older spurs should be removed occasionally to be replaced by more vigorous young ones. If you end up with too many small fruits set in one year, thin them out to let the remaining fruit grow large and not have to compete for nutrients.

It is generally best to prune pear trees late in the summer. You will stimulate the least amount of re-growth by pruning after the trees have finished growing for the year and have hardened their wood. If you live in an area where there's a chance for winter damage, wait to prune until late winter.

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is collecting clean coats,
gloves, jackets,
sweaters and scarves
on behalf of
Appalachia Mission
of Hope.

We are also collecting canned food donations to benefit God's Pantry.

**Saturday, October 16th
8:00am - 1:00 pm**

Collection barrels and boxes will be located in front of EJH Middle School at 260 Richardson Place.

EJHMS BETA Club

will also be selling baked goods and coffee that morning. So come out donate what you can and visit the BETA Club bake sale.



RAIN BARRELS

Autumn Ridge Homeowners Association agreed to purchase 10 rain barrels for our neighborhood, so anyone interested should contact bmrice1964@insightbb.com.

The rain barrels cost \$120 each and residents can purchase them for 50% off.

\$60 is a great deal and the buyers will have the satisfaction of knowing they did something to help the environment.

Sponsored by: **EDYTHE J. HAYES PTSA**
<http://www.ejhayes.fcps.net/>

Crumb Grant For Playground

The Energy and Environment Cabinet of the Division of Waste Management is accepting grant proposals for projects that promote the use of recycled waste tires for athletic fields, playgrounds, and other crumb rubber or mulch applications. Grant funding comes from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, a grant program established in 1998 by the Kentucky General Assembly in Frankfort which receive fees collected from new tire sales. The Autumn Ridge HOA is eligible to apply and would be the first HOA to apply for one of these competitive grants on

December 1. If selected, the state would fund 75% of the total cost and the HOA would pay the remaining 25%. More about the grant to follow, but the Park Committee will need volunteers to help prep the playground for the mulch. Contact Bettina Rice at bmrice1964@insightbb.com for more information.



FALL

Yard Sale

Saturday

October 9, 2010

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Stay Connected - Check out our NEW! Website

Please visit the Autumn Ridge Homeowners Association's website which has a new look and lots of information you will be interested in. If you register, we will email each time the site is updated.

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