

# Cobblestone Run

## Homeowners' Assn. Newsletter

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New rules for the Cobblestone Park to be posted at the site soon!
- Millbrook Cleanup Day—June 27th



*“Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.”*

*-Russel Baker*



## A Word from the President:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that pursuant to our Protective Covenants, Section 2-E-7 reads: “...Signs will not be allowed on trees, traffic signs/posts, and common properties (such as the gatehouse and community lot)...” If you want to announce your yard sale, please place your signs across the street of the Gatehouse on Myrick Road. The CRHA has to pay for the repair of stop signs and posts in our subdivision damaged by the tape used for signs on the posts. Additionally, we’ve had complaints of teenagers sitting on top of the stop signs and breaking realtor signs in half; please speak with your children and discourage this behavior.

I would also like to say something about lawn maintenance. Please keep your lawns mown,

the shrubs and bushes trimmed, and your weeds under control. Weeds have become an unsightly problem and not only will a weed-infested lawn look bad, but the weeds will spread to your neighbors’ yards and the deteriorating look of the neighborhood will further hurt the value of every property.

I want to assure everyone that the CRHA is diligently working with the realtors of homes that are under foreclosure and owners of empty lots in regards to lawn maintenance, weed control, trash, etc. It is a time-consuming process and we have hit several roadblocks in the past, but we are trying our very best to resolve the problem.

One last thing—the park rules will be posted soon. Please

note that the park is only open during hours of daylight. Also, please ensure your children are respecting everyone’s privacy and properties. Children have been seen standing on the slide, throwing rubber mulch over fences into homeowner’s yards. This is inappropriate and could cause damage that you will be liable for. The park is for everyone to enjoy, but the backyards surrounding the park are the personal property of the homeowners and they deserve their privacy, Please contact me via the CRHA website if you have any questions or concerns!

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## Tips to keep your lawn looking green this summer



Summer can really affect your lawn, so here's some great tips for keeping it looking good during those hot, sunny days:

- Water the lawn after the sun goes down or early in the morning, and only when it really needs it—the blades begin to curl when it's ready for a good soaking.
- Give your lawn about an inch of water. A good idea is to put out a cup in the sprinkler area and water until the level reaches about an inch inside the cup.
- Keep your lawn mown at about 3 inches. This allows for the grass to develop a deeper root system so it will absorb more soil nutrients, need less watering and survive droughts better. The denser foliage will also crowd out weeds.
- Make sure your mower blade is nice and sharp; sharpening it at least once each season will make mowing a quicker process.

## A Word from the Treasurer

I would like to take this opportunity to inform all homeowners on the status of dues collections. There were **151** invoices sent out for the 2009 dues and of those, we have received **144** payments to date.

Unfortunately, the CRHA will have to submit three homeowners to a collection agency **this month**. This comes after several failed attempts to collect the current and past dues from those homeowners (one on Dean Court, one on Spencer Way, and one property owner on Cobblestone Way).

There are currently **two** houses in foreclosure, and we will retrieve the dues for those (plus any late fees) during the closing on the properties when they sell.

Also, the CRHA is in the process of negotiating, through an attorney, the garnishment of wages in retrieving dues from **two** homeowners. The first homeowner paid the 2009 dues but is not willing to pay the 2006, 2007 & 2008 past dues. The second homeowner has not paid dues since 2004 and is unwilling to do so. Unfortunately, this can no longer be tolerated. It

would not be fair to those that pay their dues to let this continue. We all fall under the covenant rules and no one is exempt from paying dues.

We hope this will serve to keep everyone better informed, and the CRHA would like to take the opportunity to thank every homeowner who has paid his or her dues per our covenants.

- M. Jerez, CRHA Treasurer

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## Yard of the Month Winners!

Two more beautiful gardens to speak of this issue:

*Our May recipient:*

Willie & Marian Fields at 320 Cobblestone Way

*June recipient:*

Gloria & Parnell Adams of 268 Myrick Road

Congratulations! We really appreciate the hard work you put into keeping your property looking pretty!

## Events

**CITY OF MILLBROOK CLEANUP DAY** for this quarter is June 27, 2009 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Waste Management will have trucks located at City Hall for your convenience. This is an opportunity to get rid of bulky items in your attic, storage shed and yard. Household and yard trash will be accepted. No flammable or toxic materials such as paint, oils, appliances containing Freon, etc. Call Millbrook City Hall at 285-6428 for additional information.

**A SALES TAX HOLIDAY** has been approved by your city council

for the first weekend in August 2009. The tax holiday will coincide with the state sales tax holiday granted in Act No. 2006-574 by the state legislature and approved by the governor. It will commence at 12:01 am August 7, 2009 and end at 12:00 midnight on August 9, 2009 with the 3 1/2 % sales tax collected by the city as well as the 4 % state sales tax being exempted on the sale of those items covered by the act. **Shop Millbrook!**

(From Fred Watts' Ward 5 Newsletter)

**THE LEEDS FOLK FESTIVAL** is a free event for the public with children's crafts and entertainment, art show, folk music, a folk café and folk art demonstrators including a blacksmith, basket weaver, candle-maker and others. Located 15 minutes from downtown Birmingham at 1840 Parkway Drive. For more information call 699-1892.

[www.leedsartcouncil.org](http://www.leedsartcouncil.org)

*"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken."*

*-James Dent*

## Millbrook Recycling Program



The City of Millbrook Recycling Center is located on Grandview Road between Fire Station #1 and Municipal Park, behind the tennis courts. The center is accessible 24-hours a day and is self-service unloading. Plastic, cardboard, paper and maga-

zines, newspaper, aluminum, tin cans and glass are all accepted. The City does not charge for the service, nor do they pay for disposed items.

**Help Keep Alabama Clean!**

## Creamy Lemon Sherbet

**1 cup sugar**  
**2 cups (1 pint) whipping cream, unwhipped**  
**1/2 cup ReaLemon® Lemon Juice from Concentrate**  
**Few drops of yellow food coloring**

In medium bowl, combine sugar and cream, stirring until dissolved. Stir in ReaLemon and food coloring. Pour into 8-inch square pan or directly into sherbet dishes. Freeze 3 hours or until firm. Remove from freezer for 5 minutes before serving. Return leftovers to freezer.

**Lime Sherbet:**  
 Substitute ReaLime® Lime Juice from Concentrate for ReaLemon and green food coloring for yellow.

*(courtesy ReaLemon Recipe Collection, Borden, Inc. 1984)*



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