

Asbury Place Newsletter

The Official Source of News for the Asbury Place Subdivision

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A WORD FROM THE BOARD:

Dear Neighbor,

On behalf of the Asbury Place Homeowners Association Board of Directors, we would like to extend warm greetings to all of the residents here at Asbury Place. As the cooler months of fall approach us, we hope that your summer season was a great one.

We would like to introduce you to the Fall 2017 edition of the Asbury Place Newsletter. As a growing community, we continue to take pride in working for you with our main goal of protecting the property values of our subdivision. Successful and on-going progress for our community has come as a result of the hard work performed behind the scenes by the leadership team, all done on your behalf. Construction in the northern portion of the subdivision continues and is on its way to completion. With the improvement of the housing market, potential buyers are rapidly becoming new residents here and now call Asbury Place home. Our subdivision has become one of the most sought after communities in the area. Let us not forget, it is a great place to live!

The newsletter serves as the official source of communication for our subdivision. We hope that you enjoy this edition and certainly thank you for choosing Asbury Place.

Respectfully,

Board of Directors
Asbury Place HOA

YARD OF THE MONTH!

***Congratulations to our Asbury Place
Yard of the Month Winners!!!***

- ***6015 Coleman Road***
- ***6300 Coleman Road***
- ***6246 Vera Lane***

Upcoming Asbury Place Events

Fall Cookout

Saturday, October 21st, 2pm – 4pm (Tentative)

Holiday Social

December – Date TBD, 6pm – 10pm

Location TBD

Details coming soon!

TRASH CANS RESPONSIBILITY!

It is one of the functions of the Asbury Place HOA to help preserve the integrity of and maintain the property values of Asbury Place. With that in mind, we want to share the following with you.

Article VII, Section 22 of the Covenants of the Asbury Place Homeowners Association states:

“Trash and garbage shall be kept in sanitary containers which must be located to the rear of the residence out of public view and in a location that will not be offensive to other Owners.”

We are requesting that you please keep your trash can out of view except on trash day. Trash cans shall not be permitted to be located on the side of the home. Please contact the City of Olive Branch to dispose large or bulk items. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. It is our philosophy that all residents benefit when everyone maintains their properties within the deed restrictions.

TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS:

Dear Family,

Welcome to Asbury Place. Congratulations on your new home! We hope that you will enjoy many years of happiness at your new residence.

We would like to make you aware of our Asbury Place Homeowners Association. With the purchase of your home, you became a certified member of our wonderful group. You have some great neighbors who care very deeply about the appearance and quality of this neighborhood. We seriously try to maintain the upscale appearance of our subdivision.

We have a homeowners' association covenant that each resident must comply with. It has several areas of responsibility, so please read your covenant carefully. This is a binding legal document, and the terms laid out in it must be followed. A full copy of the covenant can be accessed online and downloaded from our website at www.asburyplacehoa.com to accompany the one provided by your agent at closing. For any structural improvements, such as fences, storage buildings, patios, etc., you are required to get approval from the homeowners association and the City of Olive Branch. Property improvement forms may also be found on our website. Please contact us immediately if you are unable to download a copy of these documents. .

Our annual HOA dues are \$150.00. This revenue is how we maintain the common areas that belong to all of us in this community. It also pays for the utilities, insurance and taxes on these areas, just to name a few.

If there is anything at all that we can do to help you with your understanding of the covenant, or the Homeowners Association, please be sure to contact us.

Sincerely,

Asbury Place Homeowners Association
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RESOURCES:

City of Olive Branch: <http://www.obms.us/> 662-892-9200

Olive Branch Police Department: <http://www.obms.us/city-departments/police.html> 662-895-4111

Desoto County Schools: <http://www.desotocountyschools.org/> 662-429-5271

Who To Call: <http://www.obms.us/who-to-call/>

Northcentral Electric Power Association: <http://www.northcentralepa.com/> 1-800-325-8925

Atmos Energy: <http://www.atmosenergy.com/> 888-286-6700

CenturyLink: <http://www.centurylink.com/> 888-723-8010

Desoto County Attractions and Events: <http://www.sodesoto.com/attractions/> 662-393-8770

Back-to-School Tips for Parents



Source: PBS Parents, PBS.org

Starting the new school year can be a time of great excitement... and anxiety. Help calm your child's fears (and your own) with these teacher-approved tips.

Meet the new teacher.

For kids, one of the biggest back-to-school fears is "Will I like my new teacher?" Breaking the ice early on is one of the best ways to calm everyone's fears. Take advantage of your school's open house or back-to-school night. Some teachers welcome phone calls or e-mails — another great opportunity to get to know each other before the year begins. If personal contact with the teacher isn't possible, try locating the teacher's picture on a school website or in a yearbook, so your child can put a name with a face. If your child's teacher sends a welcome letter, be sure to read the letter together.

Tour the school.

If your school hosts an open house, be sure to go. Familiarizing your child with their environment will help them avoid a nervous stomach on the first few days. Together you can meet their teacher, find their desk, or explore the playground.

Connect with friends.

A familiar friend can make all the difference when heading back to school. You might try calling parents from last year's class and finding out which children are in your child's class this year. Refresh these relationships before school starts by scheduling a play date or a school carpool.

Tool up.

Obtain the class supply list and take a special shopping trip with your child. Having the right tools will help them feel prepared. While keeping basic needs in mind, allow for a couple of splurges like a cool notebook or a favorite-colored pen. These simple pleasures make going back to school a lot more fun.

School supply lists also provide great insight into the schoolwork ahead. Get your child excited about upcoming projects by explaining how new supplies might be used. Let him or her practice using supplies that they have not used before — such as colored pencils or a protractor — so they will be comfortable using them in class.

Avoid last-minute drilling.

When it's almost time to stop playing, give a five-minute warning. Giving clear messages to your child is very important.

Chat about today's events and tomorrow's plans.

While it is important to support learning throughout the summer, don't spend the last weeks of summer vacation reviewing last year's curriculum. All kids need some down time before the rigors of school begin. For some kids, last-minute drills can heighten anxiety, reminding them of what they've forgotten instead of what they remember.

Ease into the routine.

Switching from a summer to a school schedule can be stressful to everyone in the household. Set up a good routine. Set the alarm clock, go through your morning rituals, and get in the car or to the bus stop on time. Routines help children feel comfortable, and establishing a solid school routine will make attending school much smoother.

Making Any Changes? Don't Forget To Obtain Approval First!

Our governing documents require that the Association approve all proposed architectural changes before any work is started. The importance of this requirement cannot be overstated when you consider the reason for such a restriction. Membership in a community association requires compliance to pre-existing conditions and regulations. One of the biggest advantages of these conditions is the protection of our property values. The value of your home is directly related to the condition, appearances and aesthetics of our community as a whole. By regulating the kind and types of architectural changes that can be done, our Association is better able to maintain our property values. Getting our Association to approve all proposed architectural changes is not just a good idea to protect your investment, ***it is a requirement!***

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Off-Road Vehicles/ATVs in the Subdivision

The Asbury Place Homeowners' Association (HOA) is committed to ensuring the safest and most secure environment for all our residents and their guests. We have had several concerns regarding the operation of off-road vehicles within our subdivision. Please note that it is against Mississippi state law to operate off-road vehicles (All-terrain vehicles/ATVs, utility vehicles, motorized mini-bikes, motorized dirt bikes, 4-wheelers, go-karts, etc.) on any Mississippi highway (including interstate) and on public streets within the city limits (unless authorized).

Please be mindful and respectful of your neighbors. Also, remember to follow the rules and regulations when operating your off-road vehicle in Mississippi.

The Asbury Place HOA will work with the City of Olive Branch in following the rules per the state. Failure to comply with the state's regulations can result in fines and penalties and should be reported to the City of Olive Branch Police Department at 662-892-9400.

LOOSE PETS IN THE SUBDIVISION

Our residents have witnessed dogs running loose within the subdivision. The issue is addressed in the Asbury Place Subdivision Covenants for use restrictions under Article VII - Section 21 and the City of Olive Branch Code of Ordinances for animal control under Article II - Section 10-39 and Section 10-41. For additional reference, please refer to Article VII, Section 10-31 through Section 10-49, located on the city of Olive Branch's website.

Per Asbury Place Subdivision restrictions, pets must be restrained within fenced areas or kept under leash or housed in appropriate structures built for such animals, provided the structures conform to the covenants and approved in advance by the Architectural Committee. Per the city of Olive Branch ordinances, pets are not allowed to run loose (at large), leave droppings in yards (including private property of another), public walks, streets, or otherwise create a nuisance (public).

Block Captains Program

Block Captains are needed in a variety of capacities to serve as liaisons between the APHOA Board and residents of Asbury Place. If you would like to take a lead role watching your street and interested in receiving more information regarding the Block Captains Program, please provide us with your contact information by sending an email to asburyplacehoa1@yahoo.com.

Neighborhood Watch Tips

- Know your neighbors and who their kids are. Know what cars belong on your street.
- Keep your home well lit at night. Install a motion detector or dusk to dawn lights in walking areas.
- Keep all windows and doors locked.
- Remain ready for a crisis or emergency. Keep neighbors' phone numbers handy, just in case. Know whose neighbors' kids would come to your house for help. Tell the firefighters how many pets and kids to save if there was a fire on your street.
- Never let a stranger in your home to use the telephone.
- Call 911 when you see a potential issue. The dispatch number for the City of Olive Branch Police Department is 662-895-4111.
- Never say you are away from home on your answering machine.
- Store outdoor equipment in a locked shed or garage.
- Do not go into your home if you suspect it has broken into.
- Keep the street and your home neat. Trim bushes and trees so windows and doors can be seen. Keep your drive, flower beds and porch free of clutter. Criminals should see that your street is loved and their activities will not be tolerated!
- Do not leave keys in mailboxes or under door mats.
- Do not discuss your finances with strangers.

Asbury Place HOA

Covenants (Short Form)

A complete copy of the CC&R's can be downloaded from our website at www.asburyplacehoa.com

- #1 Thou shalt get permission to build any addition on your property, i.e. rooms, fences, driveways, walkways, pools, decks, storage buildings, etc.
- #2 Thou shalt keep thy home exterior in good repair.
- #3 Thou shalt have only one family living in thy home.
- #4 Thou shalt not put any other dwelling on thy property, i.e. mobile home, barn, guest house, temporary toilet, etc.
- #5 Thou shalt not subdivide thy lot.
- #6 Thou shalt keep thy garage door closed when not in use.
- #7 Thou shalt plant thy gardens in the backyard.
- #8 Thou shalt have an identical mailbox to all others in the subdivision.
- #9 Thou shalt not park any vehicle on the grass, i.e. cars, motorcycles, trailers, boats, motor homes, etc. Broken down vehicles, trailers, etc. shalt not be parked on the side of the street, in the driveway or on any part of the lot.
- #10 Thou shalt not start a home business without consent of the Board of Directors.
- #11 Thou shalt keep thy dog on a leash when outside of thy home or fenced area, and properly dispose of his waste. Respect your neighbor's property when doing so.
- #12 Thou shalt place thy trash can to the rear of the home out of view after trash pickup.
- #13 Thou shalt mow thy grass and remove any dead trees or plants.
- #14 Thou shalt keep thy landscaping beds clean.
- #15 Thou shalt store thy equipment out of view of the front of thy home, i.e. lawn mower, play equipment, grills, etc.
- #16 Thou shalt be respectful of thy neighbors when leaving outside lights on at night.
- #17 Thou shalt take proper precautions to not set thy neighbor's property on fire when grilling.
- #18 Thou shalt be mindful of loud noise (including pets, music) and be respectful of thy neighbors.

A fine of **\$250.00** may be imposed for violation of any of these laws. Fines may be compounded if not paid, and interest and penalties added to them. A lien may be placed on properties when the fines and dues are not paid. Further actions may apply. Attorney and court costs to secure payment will be paid by the violator.

City of Olive Branch Law:

Thou shalt drive the speed limit of 20 mph in the subdivision for the sake of our children.

FIVE QUICK TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR GUESTS

Source: Keller Williams Realty

Plug it in: Make sure that all of your appliances are in working order. The last thing you need with a house full of guests is a broken dishwasher or washing machine!

Make space: Clean out the dressers and closets in the guest room(s) to ensure that your friends and family will feel comfortable and at home.

Baby-proof: If your house isn't already baby-proofed and if small children will be coming to stay or visit, take a little time to ensure that electrical outlets are safely covered, sharp edges are padded, and that valuable knick-knacks are out of harm's way.

Light your fire: Make sure that your fireplace and chimney are clean and in working order. Gathering around the fire with friends and family is a cozy way to spend time reminiscing and chatting.

Knock knock: Take a walk through your home and inspect all doors and windows. If the doors, hinges or latches are sticky or squeaky, make any necessary repairs before your guests arrive. This will ensure privacy for them AND for you!

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TIPS TO ORGANIZE YOUR GARAGE

Source: Keller Williams Realty

Maximize Your Workspace

If you use the garage for small woodworking projects or other chores that require a sturdy surface, consider installing a fold-down table on the interior wall. When not in use, you can simply lift the table back up and into place.

Unclutter Your Clutter

If you have any items that are broken, outdated or simply unusable for any reason, toss them out. One of the first steps to organizing your garage is to get rid of the things that you no longer need or can use.

If you have tools that are rarely used, put them away so that you can place the most commonly used tools in the forefront. As a general rule, your garage will be more efficient if the things that you need on a regular basis are easily accessible.

Categorize & Sort

When it comes to organizing any part of your home, including the garage, properly categorizing your items is essential. This will help you to locate everything quickly and efficiently. You can use storage bins, shelves and even clear drawers for sorting your items.

Storage Solutions for Your Small Items

If you typically use your garage to store hardware, such as nails, bolts and other small items, try organizing them in a clear glass jar instead of leaving them lying loosely in a toolbox. Not only is the proper storage safer, but it also allows you to easily view and retrieve the items as needed. Used baby food jars are ideal for this purpose.

Wall Mounting Is A Must

If you or your children own a bicycle or you need to find the perfect spot for your ladder or large tools, consider mounting them on the wall using the proper hook or other support. It's important to note that larger items should be within reach to avoid injury while trying to retrieve them. Mounting your large items on the garage walls will save on both yard and garage clutter and it's also a wise way to protect your items from being stolen.

Upgrades Planned for the Subdivision!

Plans are underway to provide a fresh new look to our entrances at Coleman Road and Vera Lane. Our brick wall signs will undergo maintenance to bring about a better appearance for the subdivision. A big “Thank You” to our neighbors who provided ideas toward this initiative. You are appreciated very much!

Asbury Place Board of Directors

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A Little Humor



Fall Birthday & Anniversary Wishes!

Our sincerest wishes go to all of those residents celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the Fall months of September, October and November! We congratulate you on another milestone achievement and wish you many, many more.

The Corner Lot of Encouragement “The Power of Connection”

In our modern world of today, there is the appearance that everyone is somehow getting connected. We have cellular phones, e-mail, social media and so much more. But regardless of how connected we are by these means, it seems we are becoming less and less connected personally. In my opinion, this was not the intention for our lives. I believe we were made with a desire to connect and belong.

The news is filled with stories of heartache and pain, of frustration and confusion. It often seems that everywhere we turn, people are crying out for help and simply existing from day to day. Indeed, life has its way of wearing us down.

As neighbors, I believe that an increased fellowship among one another is a good way to assist in overcoming the discouragement we all face in life. It allows us to experience the “connection” necessary to encourage each other in those times of need. It also offers the opportunity to establish new relationships that may last a lifetime and bring about a sense of community. Other benefits include local security, neighborly assistance and the avoidance of unpleasantness. And of course, your approach to establish the relationship should be cordial and professional. There is nothing more important than a good first impression.

Be encouraged! Get connected!

Sincerely,

Dominic Jordan, President
Asbury Place Homeowners Association

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