## PAY DUES ONLINE

Go to the Arrowhead HOA website arrowheadhomes.org to pay your dues online. You can still pay dues by mail or in person. Check the website for neighborhood news and scheduled events.

2024 N	MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
ARROWHEA	AD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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Annual Dues are \$95. You can pay on our website or by mail. Make checks payable to Arrowhead Homeowners Association and mail to PO Box 241353, Montgomery, Al. 36124.

If you wish to donate additional funds to the Association, any amount will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

# **Contact Information:**

To report parking violations, overgrown yards or ask questions related to the city of Montgomery, call 311.

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#### **2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE**

#### AHOA ELECTIONS HELD

Elections for 2025 AHOA Board Members were held at the Winter Membership meeting on November 12, 2024. There were a number of familiar names on the ballot and some new names nominated from the floor. Ann Marie George remains as President. Grace Pugh is still the Vice President. Stefan Eisen was nominated from the floor for the position of Secretary and elected. Mike Moore was re-elected to the position of Treasurer. Kenneth Pugh is still the Chair for Entrances. Andy Jackson remains as Chair for Communications. A new Hospitality Chair, Denise Landers, was nominated from the floor and elected. Ordean Robinson remains as Neighborhood Safety Chair. Conner Brothers, another nomination from the floor, was elected the new Web Master. John Taylor, who has held almost every position on the Board, was elected as an At Large Representative. Jean Parks, Matha Jones and Janice Jackson remain At Large Representatives.

We wish to thank all the new Board Members for stepping forward to serve and represent the Arrowhead Community. Greater Membership involvement in the Board helps bring new ideas and new viewpoint. Please consider serving on the Board in the future. If you are interested, Board meetings are open and you are welcome to attend to learn what it's all about. Contact Ann Marie George if you would like to attend a meeting.

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Winter Membership Meeting was held on November 12, 2024 at the Arrowhead Country Club. Guest speakers included Ronda Walker, past County Commissioner for District 3, Justin Costanza, incoming County Commissioner for District 3, and Ed Grimes, City Councilman for District 1. Commissioner Walker thanked the AHOA for their support over the 11 years she served on the County Commission. She

emphasized the importance of home owner associations as a link to her constituents and a voice for their concerns. She also praised the Governor's appointment for Montgomery County District Attorney, Ms. Azzie Oliver. Mrs. Walker said that it was time for her to move on and make room for fresh new leadership. She then introduced the newly elected Commissioner, Justin Costanza. She described him as being and "idea man" and felt he would benefit District 3.

Justin Costanza told the audience that he is President of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and is the father of 3 children. His wife is an ESL teacher at Percy Julian High School (formerly Lee HS). He hopes to bring some new ideas and creativity to the County Board of Commissioners.

Councilor Ed Grimes then spoke and praised both Mrs. Walker and Mr. Costanza. Mr. Grime informed the audience that two new gas stations are planned for the Atlanta Highway, one at the corner of Somerset Drive. The lots are both zoned B2 and so there is very little that can be done by the Planning Commission other than ask for modifications to the plans. He reported that there is a possibility that the fiber network will be expanded into the Arrowhead area. Concerns were raised about the crime and traffic situation. Mr. Grimes said the MPD is still only at half its authorized level. The Sheriff's Department is stepping up patrols for the Christmas Season. The Sheriff has also applied for a \$1 million grant for security cameras. Concerns were also raised about the 911 situation. He stated that it is a high stress job and recruiting for it is very difficult.

During the business meeting Treasurer Mike Moore reported that there are only 297 members out of 760 households in Arrowhead. He emphasized how much more the AHOA could do for the neighborhood if there were more residents willing to support their community. The AHOA is vital for maintaining the property values, keeping contact with our elected representatives and monitoring for potentially harmful developments in the area.

### PLANTING TREES AND SHRUBS

Late fall and winter are the best time for planting trees and shrubs. While the visible portions of the plant are dormant or semi dormant during the cold weather, the roots continue to grow. The cold weather

gives the plant the opportunity to establish a root system before the stress of the summer heat sets in.

Selecting the site for planting is very important. Consider how tall and wide the plant is when fully grown. A three foot tall magnolia may look fine planted three feet from your house, but when fully grown it will cause problems. Also consider whether the plant does better in full sun, partial sun, or full shade. Also consider whether the location drains well or lets water accumulate. Most plants need adequately drained soil, although a few thrive in poorly drained soil. Be aware of power lines overhead and utilities below ground. Remember, right plant in right location. A little research before planting can save a lot of work later.

The hole itself should be 1 ½ - 2 times wider that the pot the tree or shrub comes in. Do not dig the hole too deep. The bottom of the stem or trunk should be above the soil level and the roots just covered. If the soil is hard clay mix some compost with the soil when refilling the hole. After filling the hole, water thoroughly to insure any air spaces are filled in. Water the newly planted tree or shrub frequently until it becomes well established. Usually fertilizer is not needed for the first year after planting Rember the saying, dig a \$10 hole for a \$5 plant.

#### PREVENT STREET FLOODING

Please be sure to keep grass clippings and leaves out of the gutters. They should be placed on the curb, but not in the street. Leaves and clippings get washed down the gutter and clog up the storm drains, which causes street flooding during heavy rains. If you have a lawn service, please instruct them to keep debris out of the gutters. Blowing leaves and clippings into the street is unsightly and leads to clogged drains. If you have a drain in front of your lot, please take a few minutes to clean out any leaves or clippings.