Hello Countrywood Resident,

The Countrywood Board would like to wish all a Happy New Year. The past year has seen many exciting changes for our neighborhood and cultivated into a wonderful holiday door contest.

Our treasurer Jane Bodnack has done a wonderful job paying our bills and keeping our entrances looking great. We ended the year with a small surplus of funds; however, this is due to delaying the renovation of our Rocky Ridge Road entryway. We are putting together a committee to study the current needs and pull together a comprehensive plan. This plan will require ALL families to contribute to our HOA fund. *If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact us as soon as possible.*

We have received several emails enquiring about how the dues are used. Dues are a vital resource for our neighborhood. Approximately \$5,000 goes to upkeep and repairs of the entryways. Another \$1,800 is needed for insurance, taxes, and utilities. The rest of our funds are used for neighborhood functions and the website. Each household in the Countrywood neighborhood pays \$75 per year in association dues. For both Contrywood and Countrywood Highlands dues are collected from November 1 through January 15. As of today, 109 families have paid their 2017 dues.

Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped forward as Street Representatives. Claire Johnson – Old Oak Circle Allison Crotwell – Old Oak Lane Christal Tate – Birchwood Lane Cassie, Hope Harper & Stephanie Sealock- Water Oak Celia Anthony- Whetstone Road. Creekwood and Countrywood Lane- *we still need a volunteer*

These persons are vital to our organization and communications. They will help officers keep up to date info on new neighbors and specific issues facing each street.

Thank you Terry Manown and Celia Anthony for working to update our emails and family information. As of today. We have 145 out of 150 families

registered. If you have not completed the family update, you will not be listed on the website.

Lastly, our new website <u>http://countrywood35243.com</u> is up and running. It will have information about HOA, residents, city of Vestavia, updates, newsletters and social events.

Any questions should be directed to the HOA board at: <u>countrywood35243@gmail.com</u>

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