

**SWAN LAKE ESTATES  
HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATIONS  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER 4th Quarter 2016**

Director's Message

Hi Neighbors,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Swan Lake Estates, I would like to wish each homeowner a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The 2016 year was a great one for all of us at Swan Lake Estates. We had a record number of people using the pool and our community has never looked better. Our membership has increased entering 2017 with an additional 13 new homeowners and two lots sold.

We would like to thank all the HOA members who have paid their dues on time. Due to your promptness, we are set to end the year with a positive financial balance. You will find your invoice for the 2017 dues attached with this newsletter.

Also, please see the attached letter from the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. If you do not wish to have solicitors on your property you must put up a sign on your front door saying, "please no solicitors".

As a reminder, the newsletter can be viewed on the [www.swanlakehoa.org](http://www.swanlakehoa.org) website. Any email, mailing address, or telephone number changes should be sent to [albrittontaxfile@bellsouth.net](mailto:albrittontaxfile@bellsouth.net). If we do not have an email address for you on file, we will mail a hard copy to your physical address we have on file. If you know someone who does not have access to a computer and/or email, please let them know they can also pick up a printed copy at the clubhouse.

**Please join us at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 27th, for the HOA meeting at the clubhouse.** This is a good opportunity to get an update on future neighborhood happenings, and to meet your neighbors and Board members.

Thank you,  
Bruce Osterberg

**SWAN LAKE ESTATES HOA  
Quarterly HOA Meeting Agenda  
December 27, 2016**

**AGENDA**

1. Introduction of Board of Directors
2. Committee reports

- a. Treasurer
  - b. Social
  - c. Architectural
  - d. Beautification
3. Open forum

**Beautification Committee:**

The purpose of the Beautification Committee is to insure the proper maintenance and upkeep of the landscape in the Swan Lake Subdivision. Cajun Cutters is continuously cutting and pruning the shrubbery at the clubhouse, tennis court, overlook entrance, and around the fountain area. The bulk of the beautification committee responsibilities take place during the growing season which is just around the corner. Please contact Board member Steve Hall if you are interested in assisting.

**Architectural Committee**

The purpose of the Architectural Committee is to preserve and enhance the value of our community by maintaining basic conformity with the general architectural style, overall design, and aesthetic standards of Swan Lake Estates. The Architectural Committee which is comprised of volunteers from the community, has a working knowledge of all the SLE covenants and restrictions, and can communicate that knowledge to its homeowners. The Architectural Committee is charged with maintaining the beauty and flow of our neighborhood, by reviewing requests for property alterations, additions or changes proposed by the homeowners, and then compare these requests to the existing SLE covenants. We look forward to working with you. A list of common improvements that require approval by the SLE Architectural Committee include, but are not limited to the following:

- Additions / Garages
- Storage Buildings / Sheds
- Detached Gazebos / Pergolas
- Fences / Walls
- Pools

We ask that you please submit all plans for your projects to the SLE Architectural Committee for approval prior to beginning your project. Please contact Architectural Committee Chairman, Glen White at [gwhiteslhoa@gmail.com](mailto:gwhiteslhoa@gmail.com) ([228.314.0452](tel:228.314.0452)) for further information.

  
**WATCHTOWER**

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**VIA USPS PRIORITY MAIL**

Re: Jehovah's Witnesses

Dear Mr. Osterberg:

We represent the interests of Jehovah's Witnesses with respect to their public ministry in Mississippi. We have been advised that the Swan Lake Estates Homeowners' Association has adopted a "No Solicitation" policy for the community and is under the impression that this applies to the pure speech activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. We are writing to inform you of a United States Supreme Court case that affects the Association's application of this policy to Jehovah's Witnesses.

Jehovah's Witnesses seek to speak to people about the Bible and offer Bible-based literature, at no cost, to those who are interested. As part of their public ministry, they speak to individuals at their homes and offer free home Bible studies. They do not go from house to house to seek contributions, nor do they engage in sales activity.

The United States Supreme Court held that the public ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses receives full constitutional protection. *Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. v. Village of Stratton*, 536 U.S. 150 (2002). As the streets within your community are public, Jehovah's Witnesses are permitted to go from door to door to engage in their constitutionally protected free speech activity.

Therefore, we have advised the ministers accordingly. We trust you will ensure that there will be no future interference with their ministry. If you have any comments or concerns about this matter, please have the Association's attorney correspond with us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Francis J. McNamara  
Associate General Counsel

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c: Sheriff Troy J. Peterson, Harrison County Sheriff's Department

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