

August 2026 HOA Meeting

We had a wonderful turnout at our August HOA meeting! It was great to welcome some of our newest residents, reconnect with our “newish” neighbors, and see many familiar faces we hadn’t seen in a while. Walden is fortunate to have so many residents who are interested in getting involved, volunteering, and helping our community continue to thrive. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared their time, ideas, and interest in our neighborhood. Residents are considering hosting a fall social event as well as a fall yard sale.

2026 Accomplishments

We’ve accomplished quite a bit around Walden this year, including lighting upgrades, security improvements, pond and gazebo repairs, pool fence painting, landscaping, power washing, and numerous ongoing maintenance projects. Clubhouse has been busy with many fun-filled resident events.

City of Madison Public Works recently dredged the bridge area and limbed up trees along roadways throughout Walden. The storm drain on Gillespie and Emerson is scheduled for a major clean up. It is urgent that we all contact the City Public Works (256)772-8490 for sidewalk repairs, burnt out lamp post lights, and any complaints about an increase in stormwater. City Engineer should also be contacted if you feel there is too much water being diverted to our wetlands: michael.johnson@madisonal.gov

Walden residents should not be dumping pool discharge, old play equipment, furniture or yard debris into drainage areas. Clean up debris if you have dumped! Walden was developed on wetlands and conservation areas so the HOA Board is limited on what it can do on many levels.

We are also pleased that we have remained within budget so far this year. A significant part of that is thanks to residents who have volunteered their time to help with grounds maintenance and miscellaneous projects throughout the neighborhood.

Many residents helped keep our pool clean, maintained, and ready for our families throughout the summer. Your help made a meaningful difference!

2026 Board Election

This year, Walden is required to hold a Board election, and we must receive ballots back (voting) from at least 25% of Walden’s eligible membership in order to elect a new Board.

Interested in serving? Any resident in good standing may nominate themselves for a Board position. We encourage anyone who would like to learn more to contact the Board or attend our next HOA meeting:

Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM ** (we had to change the date due to scheduling conflicts).

Please keep in mind that serving on the Board includes fiduciary responsibilities under Alabama law. We are happy to answer questions about the roles and responsibilities for anyone considering volunteering. There are also many volunteering opportunities this fall with planting, clubhouse sprucing, social activities and seasonal decorating.

Additional election information and voting instructions will be provided to residents. We are also hoping many of our current Board members will continue to serve. It’s an important responsibility with diverse challenges.

Walden's Board has successfully navigated our community away from challenges that other Madison HOAs have fallen victim to this year.

Fall Property Maintenance Reminder

Alabama weather has certainly kept us busy this year—we've experienced flooding, drought conditions, extreme heat, and just about everything in between.

As we head into fall, the Board has recently received several concerns regarding resident property upkeep throughout the neighborhood. These include: (not limited to)

- Overgrown yards, weeds, and trees needing limbing
- Fences needing repairs and/or staining
- Faded, deteriorating or missing shutters
- Mailboxes needing paint, repair, and/or new address numbers
- Trash and recycling bins stored in clear view
- Other exterior maintenance items, "miscellaneous driveway storage"

Beginning after the Labor Day holiday, the Board will continue issuing violation notices for properties that require attention.

We are sharing this reminder in advance to give everyone an opportunity to address any outstanding maintenance. Our preference is always for residents to correct issues before formal notices or fines become necessary.

Thank you for helping in keeping Walden a beautiful and well-maintained community for everyone.

Next HOA meeting: September 22nd at 6:30/clubhouse

As always, please contact the Board with questions, concerns, or if you are interested in volunteering. Please only use the below email. Clubhouse calendar, HOA documents, plats, newsletters are always available on our Walden website: waldenhwa.org

Warmly,

Walden HOA Board

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