

BLAZING TRAILS

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GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, October 19, 7:00 pm
Smoke Rise United Methodist Church
corner of Scenic Trail and Grandview Trail
Everyone is welcome!

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND
OPEN TO ALL SMOKE RISE RESIDENTS

GARDENING TIPS AND INSIGHTS

Do you have questions about landscaping your property? Do you wonder what would look the best where, what type of plants or shrubs are best suited for the look you are trying to get for your home? **Bethany O'Rear**, with Alabama Cooperative Extension will be answering these questions and more at our meeting October 19. She will answer questions about your landscape endeavors.

Robert Rice, a local COIN collector and dealer, has donated a **.999 Silver Eagle dollar** made by the U.S. Mint valued between \$20 and \$30, as a door prize for this meeting. You must be present to win.

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Bethany O'Rear is a Regional Agent in Home Grounds and Commercial Horticulture with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. She delivers educational programming and consulting to promote smarter landscapes in Alabama. The primary goal of the Home Grounds team is to help consumers preserve Alabama's natural resources, creating better landscapes for better living.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System operates as the primary outreach organization for the land-grant functions of Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities. Their areas of emphasis include: help people and communities improve their quality of life and economic well-being; through their network of educators across the state they work with local, state, and federal agencies, schools, community groups, labor, employers, and others to strengthen workforce development; engage in efforts about the significant issues facing the state at this point in our history and the opportunities for positive change; and fosters community development and economic prosperity in rural areas, small town, and metro areas throughout Alabama. Some of the topics include: 4-H & Youth; Agriculture; Disasters; Economic Development; Family & Health; General Extension; Home & Garden; and Natural Resources.

Join us to hear Bethany, who is a West Blount resident, on October 19.

FREE FIREARMS COURSE

Thanks to the planning and coordination of **Christy Harris**, HOA Neighborhood Watch Chair, the Blount County Sheriff's Department will be offering a second firearms instruction course for our community sponsored by Smoke Rise HOA. The 2-hour in-class session will be Saturday October 28, 2017, in Smoke Rise United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 AM and lasting approximately two hours. The class is for basic handgun safety and operation, care and maintenance, including open-carry, permits, sighting your gun, grips, and stance. Ages 12 and up are welcome to participate in the classroom portion. Firearms will not be needed during this class session.

Live-fire training will be offered on a later Saturday at the Cleveland firing range, date to be set at the classroom session. Participants for this portion must be at least 18 years of age. You do not have to own a handgun to participate. There will be firearms available for the firing range class, but you will have to provide ammunition. After completing both classes, a certificate of completion will be given.

To register for the class, please reply with your name and contact information to Christy Harris at boatright5232@gmail.com or 205-516-5025, or you may sign up at the meeting on October 19.

SPECIAL ELECTION DATES

The General Election to fill the unexpired U.S. Senate seat of Jeff Sessions, now U.S. Attorney General, will be Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The candidates are Democrat Doug Jones and Republican Roy Moore.

December 7 will be the last day to apply for an absentee ballot.

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SMOKE RISE RESIDENTS: Please fill out this form to become a member of your Homeowner's Association. For a little less than \$4 a month you can assure the continuation of representation of your interests with our local government. Send your check, made payable to SRHA, for \$40 to:
Smoke Rise Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 471, Warrior, Alabama 35180

You may also pay on line on the HOA webpage (smokerisehoa.org), or at the General Meeting on October 19.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Each Membership comes with one vote
(Fiscal Year July 1 through June 30)

Thank you for helping us to be a more effective voice for our community, and to continue to be able to keep you informed of important events that could have an impact on our quality of life. Our Goal is to serve, promote and honor our community, and help to shape our future, to provide a forum for issues affecting Smoke Rise to keep our members informed, and to protect our covenanted community



WEST BLOUNT FIRE DISTRICT NEW FIRE STATION NEARS COMPLETION

Station No. 4 in the Nyota community is close to being completed with the doors and electrical work to be finalized within the next two weeks, ahead of schedule and under budget. Landscaping will begin once construction has completed. A date for an open house celebration will be set at the next fire board meeting November 9th. Two vehicles will be stationed at this new site, which means firemen can drive directly to Nyota, drive the fire vehicles from there cutting the response times dramatically.

Once this project has been completed, upgrading of Station No. 2 in Smoke Rise to provide living quarters for a full-time firefighter will begin. This third full-time paid position has already been added to the fire department roster. The Smoke Rise station answers the majority of calls received every month, with the upgrade of the station and the addition of a full-time shift, response time will decrease. The new engine recently acquired with the assistance of a grant, will be housed at this station.

The department has also added six new volunteers and sent two fire fighters to fire college, including the recipient of this year's scholarship.

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