

## *What's New? Week of February 11, 2008*

### **Important Dates**

February 11 - Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

February 12 - Community Meeting with Andy Craig, Bumpus Middle School Library, 6:30 p.m.

February 18 - President's Day, No School

February 19 - Community Meeting with Andy Craig, Berry Middle School Library, 6:30 p.m.

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for February](#)

March 6 - Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

March 10 - Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

March 17 - 21 - Spring Break

State Testing (ARMT and Stanford 10) begins April 1

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### **School Board Position Applications Being Sought - *posted 02/05/08***

The City Council is now accepting applications for the Board of Education position currently held by Tom Defnall. No deadline has been set for submitting your application, but Councilman Gene Smith, the Chairman of the Council's Education Committee, said typically candidates have about two weeks.

Mr. Defnall has not yet decided if he will reapply for the position.

Please consider applying for the position if you are interested. Please encourage others you believe would make good leaders for our school system to apply as well.

All applicants will be subject to a thorough background check including education and employment history.

[Hoover City Council Seeking Applicants for School Board Seat - January 30, The Birmingham News](#)

[Click here to read the City Council's announcement regarding the Board of Education position.](#)

[Click here to download the Application.](#)

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### **Rezoning - A History - *posted 02/06/08***

With rezoning once again in the forefront to address the continued growth in Hoover City Schools, please take a moment to catch up on the history of the last rezoning, including the Board of Education's use of a Community Planning Process. Go to our [Zoning Update page](#) for a brief history.

Documents from the Community Planning Process:

[Original Presentation to Board of Education by McCauley and Associates](#)

[Values Developed by the Focus Groups and Telephone Surveys](#)

[Community Planning Team Selection Process](#)

[Adopted Zoning Plan February 2005](#)

In addition, the HSCIN has posted a number of informative articles outlining the history of the most recent rezoning process on THE Hoover Forum. [Click here to go to these articles.](#) It is imperative to understand how we got where we are before we can move forward.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," - George Santayana, Philosopher, *Reason in Common Sense*

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## Two Community Meetings Coming Up - *posted 02/05/08*

Superintendent Andy Craig will host two additional community meetings to discuss our school system. The Simmons Middle School meeting's focus was on possible rezoning. Please note that you are not limited to only attending the meeting for your school zone. Anyone can attend any meeting.

The two remaining meetings are:

- **FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>: BUMPUS ZONE (SOUTH SHADES CREST ELEM./DEER VALLEY ELEM./TRACE CROSSINGS ELEM.)**
- **FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>: BERRY ZONE (GREYSTONE ELEM./SHADES MOUNTAIN ELEM./ROCKY RIDGE ELEM./RIVERCHASE ELEM.)**

Each of these meetings start at 6:30 p.m. in the libraries of the middle schools. For more information, visit [www.hoover.k12.al.us](http://www.hoover.k12.al.us) or call 205.439.1054.

The HSCIN commends Mr. Craig for making the time to keep our school community informed and engaged.

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## Teen Driving Legislation Survey - *posted 01/25/08*

Representatives Jim McClendon and Paul DeMarco held a forum for community members on January 14 to discuss legislation being proposed at the next Alabama legislative session, which begins February 5.

The HSCIN would like to hear your thoughts on this legislation. The survey results will be given to Representative DeMarco.

[Click Here to take the survey](#)

[Support Sought for Teen Driver Proposals - January 15, The Birmingham News](#)

[Lawmakers Propose Stricter Rules on Teen Drivers - January 11, The Birmingham News](#)

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## [Hoover City Schools News](#)

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### News Articles and Newsletters

#### Hoover News

[Board Gets Peek at Two Growth Plans - February 8, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High Principal Search Extended for Two Additional Weeks - February 6, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High School Hosts One-Act Plays - February 6, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover School System Seeks Character Award Nominees - February 6, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover's Berry Middle School Evacuated for Small Fire - February 5, Breaking News, The Birmingham News](#)

[Parents Critique School Growth Plans - February 5, The Birmingham News](#)