

Huntsville Retirees Gazette

The Retirement Association April 10, 2021

Join us this Tuesday, finally for some, for lunch with the bunch 11:30 at Red Lobster.

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**COVID update-** The state lifted the mask law, but most places (but not all) still require them even if COVID pointless for many. Burger King across from Park Place no longer used or required today. The state-owned Space Center continues to require them perhaps due to its affiliations one being the Smithsonian, and its attendance as a major world attraction by people from other continents in large numbers really true. Inoculations are now being issued at most pharmacies and big box stores with pharmacies go get 'em.

Out of towners and class auditors, we're missing news a while from many, please contact me now tell me what you are doing to share. I'll add more when these come in... Also. If you know of someone in our legacy, give us an update on them. And thanks for past information.

## **Spring Cleaning and Fixing Ideas**

Arloe: If you want an alternative to Lowes and Home Depot, Ace is the place! I was totally surprised right in Huntsville center as *Lewter's Hardware* (packed with items Ace store). Easy free parking you'll enjoy walking through, quite filled - many helpful persons at the ready to help as in any Ace place. I loved it and found needed items thanks Arloe.

Steve Cecil: A needy place for unused basics is *Thin Line Support* in Hazel Green, AL. They store good items for big emergencies especially tornadoes for those who have lost about everything – *basic stuff* to help them begin again. Need more please help them.

-Another I've used and also bought from, *Habitat for Humanity's Restore*, on Pratt St east of Red Lobster. Habitat was created by Jimmy Carter years ago building new homes for needed situations has all kinds of building material type items and can use more.

-Spring Cleaning? If you find some gems another of our member or family person might need, to sell or give away, let me know we'll publish such.

## **Meeting with the Mayor**

Attended a Learning Quest hour with Mayor Battle, high points: job availability is far beyond what I thought, now tens of thousands available jobs, some with training for those with "soft skills." Workers are commuting some of them 50+ miles. Just about every store has help wanted signs as new ones open weekly. Boom town. If you have not driven downtown lately you won't recognize anything. Memorial Parkway will get one more bridge to the north to complete its long non-stop good speed trek. Huntsville is now at 220 square miles (Los Angeles is 501). The fee paid in competition to get the Toyota-Mazda factory will easily be recouped in ten years in taxes gained

News: A nationally-watched vote Saturday by 2536 employees in Bessemer, AL (BHam region) failed by a very wide margin to unionize the Amazon.com facility there.