



Wakendaw Lakes Civic Association Newsletter

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May Board Meeting

On May 4, 2016, the Wakendaw Lakes Civic Association Board met at the home of Charla McDonald. In addition to Charla, Pat Neuhaus, Eric Anderson, Reid Green, Jeanie Acsell, Rob Duren, Georganne Haney, Helen Murphy, and Sue Teschner attended. Frank

Smith was a guest.

Sue Teschner, treasurer, reported that the number of dues payers is down when compared to the same time last year. Our balance as of April 30 was \$17,763.48. Also, because of PayPal's fees and

slowness in payment, the PayPal option will be removed from the web page.

Helen Murphy, membership chair, reported that we have 182 members, which represents 45 percent of our households. A flier will be distributed to those who have not paid their dues to encourage them to support the neighborhood.

In preparation for producing this year's neighborhood directory, Helen will discuss production issues with former neighbor Ginny Pritchard, who managed the directory for many years. The goal is to have the directory completed in July.

Warren Lucas, crime watch chair, reported several excellent ways to be more secure at home. Eric Anderson reported on an incident at the dam, details of which will appear in his column.

Teri Bergin-Neal, architecture review chair, was absent, so Reid Green reported on the ongoing efforts to address accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Our covenants were reviewed by the Town of Mt. Pleasant, and the town agreed that ADUs are banned in Wakendaw Lakes. Therefore, the town placed us on a list of neighborhoods where ADUs are not allowed. Pat Neuhaus will send a letter to the neighbor who has an ADU to explain the situation.

Jeanie Acsell said that there will be a community meeting in the gym at Trident Academy on Monday, May 9, to update the neighborhood on the planned development of the Trident property.

Pat Neuhaus mentioned that Robert Rosene had resigned from the board because of conflicting commitments.

Discussion of Damage to the Front Entrance

Pat Neuhaus introduced neighbor Frank Smith, whom he invited to help the board address the damage done to the front entrance by the huge tree branch that fell on May 2. Frank was involved in much of the original development of the front entrance, including the acquisition and installation of the lights.

Before discussing the damage, Pat said that he wanted to write a letter to the *Moultrie News* expressing appreciation for the responsiveness and hard work of the Town of Mt. Pleasant police, fire, and public works departments, which quickly and efficiently managed traffic, cleared the roadways, and removed all of the debris. Many neighbors also assisted in the cleanup, including new neighbor Mt. Pleasant Councilman Paul Gawrych.

The board recognized that the oak tree from which the limb fell needs to be assessed to see if it can be saved or has to be removed completely. In addition, it would be wise to inspect the other trees on the boulevard to ensure that there are no others in a similar condition. Three tree service companies were identified that would be capable of such an assessment. Jeanie Acsell will call these companies to see if they can give us recommendations and an estimate.

This tree collapse illustrates why it is important to have the trees serviced on a regular cycle. Proper tree service consists of much more than cutting off low-hanging limbs.

The lighting in the front entrance has been affected by the loss of a large lantern that was crushed by the tree. In addition, a number of landscape lights were destroyed or lost, both in the tree and on the ground.

Because of the performance and illumination required by the lights at the front entrance, the existing fixtures were custom made, so new ones may also have to be custom made. It would be best to replace both of the lights adjacent to the sign since one new and one old would look odd. Frank Smith offered to help repair and replace the fixtures. Pat Neuhaus will get bids on replacing the lights.

The brickwork that supports the sign will have to be repaired, and Pat offered to get estimates on this project as well.

It was suggested that we consider options other than simply rebuilding what was there before. The Wakendaw Lakes sign is so close to the ground that it limits the types of flowers that can be planted in front. Therefore, this might be a time to consider raising the sign before repairing the brickwork. In addition, we could consider removing the two pillars beside the sign and installing a different type of lighting. These factors should be considered when bids are received, and the expected costs can be evaluated in light of the budget.

The board had previously approved \$500 to use for flowers at the entrance. However, the board decided not to spend any money on this until the repairs are completed, and the budget is evaluated.

Because of issues concerning the restoration of the front entrance, the board may need to meet at some point during the summer. If such a meeting is necessary, the time and place will be posted on the marquee at the front entrance.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on September 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Reid Green, 1279 South Barksdale Road.

Wakendaw Rumbblings by Pat Neuhaus

The minutes of the May board meeting spell out the situation with the damage to the front entrance. What is not spelled out is how we are going to pay for the repairs that are needed. Despite the fact that the portion of the tree that fell was our responsibility, Councilman Paul Gawrych rallied the Town of Mt. Pleasant to conduct the cleanup, saving us a lot of money. Thank you, Paul!

This is a call to arms. We all want the front entrance to be repaired and restored as a beautiful introduction to our neighborhood. There is no insurance to cover this project. Without your help, the repairs will not be possible, and we will be forced to look at this damage for quite some time.

We, the residents of Wakendaw Lakes, are the

only people that can make the restoration happen in a timely manner. If you have not yet paid your dues, please join your neighbors to help make this happen. If you have a problem with the word "dues," think of it as a donation to help facilitate the repairs.

The board will continue to evaluate various ideas that will either replace only what is damaged or find an alternative way to enhance the entrance that reflects the beauty of our neighborhood and does so at an affordable cost. We will keep everyone up to date on plans and costs associated with this project.

Here's hoping that all of our neighbors will support this effort.

Crime Watch by Warren Lucas

There are several ways to protect your car and home from burglars and theft. In the March 2016 newsletter, I provided a detailed "to do" list of things that can protect your home. Here are some additional safeguards.

- Lock your cars at all times, in the driveway and while shopping.
- Put any purchases in the trunk of your car until you arrive home.
- When you travel, ask your newspaper provider and the post office to stop your paper and mail, or arrange to have a trusted neighbor pick these up and save them for you.
- Let your neighbors know when you will be away, and ask them to help watch your house.

Lake Wakendaw Corporation by Eric Anderson



The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has issued the tags needed to legally remove the two alligators that have returned to our lake. A

removal expert has been contacted, and several neighbors have been asked to work with him to find out where the reptiles habitually hang out at which times of day.

Members of the lake board met with Hillary Repik, stormwater manager for the Town of Mt. Pleasant, who toured the lake and its surroundings. She provided advice about caring for the dam and will aid in finding resources or companies that might help maintain the health of the lake. During the get-together, she identified an area of undercut on the creek side of the dam. This undercut will be examined in more detail to develop a plan of action.

Two young men from outside the neighborhood were spotted fishing on the dam. A neighbor told them that the dam was private property and asked them to leave. The youngsters became argumentative and rude and refused to go. The police were called, and the responding officers explained the laws to the boys, who were then sent home.

The annual meeting of the Lake Wakendaw Corporation will be held on Tuesday, May 31, at 6 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant library on Anna Knapp Boulevard. Members who have paid their lake dues are eligible to attend.



Smart911 Comes to Charleston County

Recently, firefighters and police officers visited the Mt. Pleasant library to hand out fliers describing Smart911 and to register people for the free service.

A national program that has been adopted in many states, Smart911 allows you to provide the additional details that 911 call takers may need in order to assist you during an emergency.

Better informed first responders are better equipped to help you. With Smart911, paramedics can be made aware of critical medical information, such as Alzheimer's or allergies, and police can have children's descriptions in case of an Amber Alert. Also, firefighters can be aware of household details, including how many people, pets, or service animals live in the home.

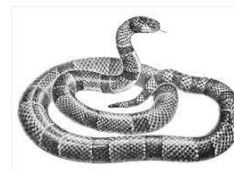
The service lets you enter information that you want to make available to 911 call takers through a secure website at www.Smart911.com. Smart911 then delivers this information automatically to the call taker's work station for any 911 call you place within Charleston County. Smart911 will also deliver your profile information if you call 911 in another city or county that uses the Smart911 system.

Once your safety profile is in the database, whenever you make an emergency call from a phone registered with your profile, the 911 system recognizes you and automatically displays your safety profile on the call taker's screen.

If you are panicked or unable to communicate—or if it could be unsafe to communicate—Smart911 ensures that the details you need to tell the emergency services are immediately available.

Further details are available by visiting <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/consolidated-911/smart911.php>.

Wakendaw Snakes



There has been a sighting of a cottonmouth/water moccasin on the dam, and one neighbor encountered what she believed to be a coral snake while gardening. South Carolina is home to

these and other poisonous serpents, such as copperheads and various species of rattlesnakes.

King snakes, which are not venomous, are often confused with coral snakes, which are. Both snakes can have red, yellow, and black bands around their bodies. There are variations on an old nursery rhyme that helps people tell the difference between the two serpents. One of the most simple versions is, "Red

(band) touches yellow (band), kills a fellow. Red touches black, friend of Jack.”

Not every snake that appears in the neighborhood is a threat. Rat snakes and garter snakes, for instance, help control pests. Take time to familiarize yourself with the types of snakes you may encounter.

If you see a snake, leave it alone! Most are afraid of you and will slither away when you come near. Be aware of your surroundings so that you don't accidentally step on, or otherwise irritate, a snake.

Any snake bite should be treated as an emergency, and medical attention should be sought immediately. If the offending snake can be killed and safely taken along, it will help the doctor determine what treatment is appropriate.

Golf Cart Rules Reminder



Mount Pleasant Police Crime Prevention Officer Bryce Gregory is reminding residents to follow some simple guidelines for golf cart use this summer.

“Summer is upon us, and with it comes the increased use of golf carts,” said PFC Gregory. “The Mount Pleasant Police Department would like to remind you (of the following guidelines).”

- The driver must be at least 16 and have a valid driver's license.
- The golf cart must be insured.
- The golf cart must be registered with the DMV and have a permit.
- Golf carts can only operate on secondary roads that have a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less and are within 4 miles of the registered address.
- Golf carts can only cross a primary road to get to another secondary road.

- Golf carts can only operate during daylight hours, regardless of whether or not these carts have lights installed.

Officer Gregory also commented, “Remember that these laws can be applied to parents who knowingly allow juveniles to operate golf carts outside of the law. Please help us keep our residents safe this summer!”

The complete details of South Carolina's laws regarding golf carts can be found at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t56c002.php>.

Yard of the Month



Congratulations to Lael Byrd and Chuck Reynolds of 809 Detyens Road for Yard of the Month for May!

Real Estate Activity (last 30 days)

Status*	Address	Sq.ft.	Price
A	1287 S Barksdale Rd	2,700	\$540,000
A	740 Gypsy Lane	2,000	\$462,000
A	1169 Manor Lane	2,836	\$599,000
A	1176 Manor Lane	2,710	\$839,000
AC	829 Detyens Road	2,196	\$492,000
AC	848 Detyens Road	1,642	\$499,000
AC	686 Lake Point	2,751	\$510,000
S	1246 W Vagabond Ln	2,568	\$430,000
S	613 Oak Marsh Drive	2,088	\$467,500
S	655 Serotina Court	2,825	\$529,000

*A = Active; AC = Active Contingent; P = Pending; S = Sold

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