



# Wakendaw Lakes Civic Association Newsletter

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### September Board Meeting



The Wakendaw Lakes Civic Association Board met on September 6 at the home of Jeanie Acsell. Vanessa Tiffany, Cliff Melton, Clark Hobbie, Rick Bunch, Reid Green, Pat Harvin, Helen Murphy, Pat Neuhaus, and Barbara Powell attended.

Linda Stout and Owen McNulty were guests.

Pat Neuhaus opened the meeting by introducing Owen McNulty, a resident of the neighborhood and a member of Boy Scout Troop 40 in Mt. Pleasant. Owen told the group that in order to reach the rank of Eagle, a scout has to do a service project that benefits his school, church, or community. He proposed to do his project in Wakendaw Lakes by building three or four wood duck boxes for our community. These are designed specifically for wood ducks and are either attached to trees or placed on posts in or near the water. He said that the ponds in this neighborhood would be perfect for this project and asked permission to construct and place these special boxes in them.

Linda Stout raised questions about overpopulation of wood ducks, maintenance of the boxes, and getting permission to enter neighbors' yards to place and maintain the boxes. The board's response was generally positive, and Owen was told that he could construct and place these boxes in the ponds as long as he got permission from homeowners to cross their

property to do so.

**STREET SIGNS:** Pat Neuhaus gave an update on his conversations with the Town of Mt. Pleasant and elected officials over a federal law that requires them to remove all of our decorative street signs and replace them with unattractive steel u-channel posts and signs. The steel u-channel posts would be "break away," meaning that if a vehicle strikes them, the posts will break and give way. Our signs are "yielding," meaning that they will fall over rather than break.

A meeting was scheduled with the manufacturer of our signs the day after our monthly meeting to discuss options for us to either make our posts "break away" or to get a ruling on whether "yielding" posts would be acceptable.

**HURRICANE IRMA:** At the time of our monthly meeting, Hurricane Irma looked as if it might track east toward Charleston. With this in mind, the board came up with contingency plans for dealing with the effects of this storm. As it turned out, Hurricane Irma became Tropical Storm Irma and had a minimal effect on our neighborhood, saving us the cost of an expensive clean up.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clark Hobbie said that our current balance was \$23,760.00. Also, we had a huge spike in our water bill, which was more than \$1,000. This large bill will be investigated.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Helen Murphy reported that we have collected \$6,225 since June and have 313 members. Reid Green suggested that we put out a new directory for 2018-19 at the beginning of the year.

**CRIME WATCH:** Vanessa Tiffany remarked on the chronic problem we have with people speeding in the neighborhood. She is very concerned about the safety of our children. Pat Neuhaus said that our options are to get the speeder's license number and report it, put up a sign that shows the speed at which drivers are traveling, or post a police officer in the neighborhood.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:** Rick Bunch has seen an uptick in the number of requests he receives from neighbors to get their projects approved. He said that we need a policy document for solar installations, and he will put together a draft of such a document for the board to review.

**REAL ESTATE:** Jeanie Acsell reported that there has been activity on several properties since May. A list will appear in the newsletter.

**WOMEN'S GROUP:** Because of the potential for severe weather during Tropical Storm Irma, Barbara Powell said that the September meeting was postponed for a week.

**SOCIAL EVENTS:** Our social calendar will kick off at the end of September with a chili cook-off. In October, there will be a Halloween party. An event will be held around Thanksgiving in November, and a Christmas party with Santa Claus is planned in December. These events will be publicized in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on the marquee.

The October WLCA board meeting will be held at the home of Vanessa Tiffany, 655 Serotina Court, on Wednesday, October 4, at 6 pm. All are welcome.

### **Wakendaw Rumbblings** by *Pat Neuhaus*

Unfortunately, we lost the battle to save our street signs. Cliff Melton and I spent a lot of time on this, and we hoped for a better resolution, but it wasn't to be.

The Town of Mt Pleasant will replace our signs with new ones that meet current federal laws. New steel u-channel posts, street signs, and stop signs will be installed. When that happens, the current signs will be removed and given to us for salvage. This will be done systematically, which means that when the town installs the new posts, the old ones will be removed.

We can come back later and put up decorative posts. We can reuse the top finials and lower skirts of our current posts. The decorative posts would have to be installed by a licensed and bonded contractor. We would not have to purchase new stop signs or street signs because we could remove those from the town's posts. The town would then remove its posts and take them away. They would also pull up the concrete footings that our current posts are mounted on.

We are in the process of determining our costs for decorative posts. This would include the cost of new polls, in-ground anchors, and sign brackets. We can buy these items ourselves from the manufacturer at a savings over what a contractor would charge us.

If we decide to use decorative posts, we will be responsible for all labor costs associated with the new installation. We would need to have a small dumpster

to dispose of the old signage. The salvage company would furnish the dumpster and take it away when the work is completed and pay us for this.

We will look at our financial resources to see how we can pay for this. It does not have to be done in a specific time frame, so that would allow us to make sure we have the funds. Any new decorative posts and their costs would have to be approved by the WLCA board. We hope to have an estimate of these costs in time for the October board meeting.

### **Lake Wakendaw Corporation** by *Eric Anderson*

The lake board contracted with Josh Robinson of Coastal Engineering to undertake an assessment of



erosion on the dam and to provide an evaluation of the overall health of the lake. From his results, we learned that the dam is sound, but some trees and other plants must be removed, and some rocks

and fill must be added on the creek side of the dam. We are searching for a contractor to provide these services.

In addition, the area that drains into the lake extends all the way to I-526 and Mathis Ferry Road. This means that runoff from that entire area affects the water quality of the lakes. At present, Lake Wakendaw is in reasonable health, but the small lakes, which are **not** managed by the lake board, suffer from low oxygen content. The lake board is working on plans to improve the water quality to help ensure the ongoing health of the lake.

Hurricane Irma was a major event for the Charleston area, and it was a challenge to try to prevent flooding from the lake. Thanks to the efforts of Rick Bunch, Renee Dickenson, and Bob Morgan, major flooding in Lake Wakendaw was avoided.

Rick worked for several days to get the lake level down 12 inches in anticipation of significant rainfall. This helped to keep the lake from overflowing. However, the storm, which created more than 9 feet of storm surge during the high tide, actually caused Hobcaw Creek to flow over our spillway into the lake! To our knowledge, this is the first time this has happened. Our special thanks go to Rick for his efforts to lower the lake and protect our neighbors' property.

### **Concerns Over Traffic Issues**



We have received a number of complaints regarding speeding and failure to make a complete stop at stop signs. The posted speed limit in Wakendaw Lakes is 25 mph on all roads. Stop signs mean just what they say: STOP. Also, please keep in mind all laws regarding school buses. Buses and children

need plenty of room.

If you see anyone ignoring any of these traffic laws, don't confront the violator. Take down the license number and report it to the police. The police will not issue a ticket based on your observation, but they will contact the violator and inform him or her of the laws and their potential consequences. We hope this will let people know that they are being observed and that future action may be taken against them. We need to keep everyone safe.

## Ways To Be a Good Neighbor



Over the summer, comments came in concerning noise and pooping pets. We thought it might be helpful to let folks know what the Town of Mt. Pleasant asks us to do to be good neighbors.

**90.01 Animal Nuisance.** The actions of an animal constitute a nuisance when an animal disturbs the rights of, threatens the safety of, or damages a member of the general public, or interferes with the ordinary use and enjoyment of his or her property. Specifically, an animal nuisance is created when an animal:

- (1) Runs uncontrolled;
- (2) Damages property other than that of the owner or harborer;
- (3) Molests or disturbs persons or vehicles or other animals by chasing, barking, or biting;
- (4) Barks, whines, howls, honks, brays, cries, or makes other **noises** excessively;
- (5) Creates noxious or offensive odors;
- (6) Defecates upon any public place or upon premises not owned or controlled by the owner or harborer unless promptly removed (two minutes) by the animal owner or harborer;
- (7) Creates an insect breeding and/or attraction site due to an accumulation of excretion; or
- (8) Is maintained in an environment of unsanitary conditions.

**132.03 (Noise)** (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise in the municipality.

(B) Except as required by law, no person shall blow or cause to be blown within the municipality any steam whistle, electric horn, or other sound-producing device, except as alarm signals in case of fire or collision or other imminent danger, or as customary time signals by industrial whistles.

(C) It shall be unlawful for any person to play any

television, radio, loudspeaker, musical instrument, or any other sound-producing or amplifying device in the municipality in such a manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb the reasonable quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence.

(D) It shall be unlawful in the municipality for any person to make any noise on a public street or in such proximity thereto as to be distinctly and loudly audible on such street by any kind of crying, calling, or shouting or by means of any whistle, rattle, bell, gong, clapper, horn, hammer, drum, musical instrument, or other device for the purpose of attracting attention or of inviting patronage of any persons to any business whatsoever.

(E) It shall be unlawful for any person, company, agent of the same or the like, in conducting any building operations between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day, to create any loud noise by whatever means, or to operate or use any machinery, building equipment, hammers, saws or the like, the use of which is attended with loud or unusual noises, in any area inhabited by residents or within hearing distance of any resident.

(F) Sounds and activity normally associated with uses and/or special events, for which a temporary permit has been issued pursuant to Chapters 94, 116 and 156 of this code, do not constitute noise as defined herein. Additionally, noise related to construction and repair of public roadways, public works projects and other projects permitted by the town is not a violation of this section.

## Yard(s) of the Month(s)



Congratulations to Eric and Ami Powers of 683 Libby's Point for Yard of the Month for June!

Congratulations to Ellen Kwider of 815 Detyens Road for Yard of the

Month for July!

Congratulations to the Osborne family of 1227 Manor Lane for Yard of the Month for August!

## Women's Group October Meeting



The October meeting of the Wakendaw Women's Group will be held on Wednesday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jan England, 709 Wakendaw Boulevard.

## Real Estate Activity (since May)

Status*	Address	Sq.ft.	Price
A	1350 E. Vagabond	2,578	\$473,000
A	745 Chatter Road	2,228	\$485,000
A	723 Gypsy Lane	2,417	\$535,000
A	746 Wakendaw Blvd	2,490	\$574,900
S	725 Chatter Road	1,903	\$331,000

S	721 Hawksbill Court	2,553	\$476,000
S	849 Detyens Road	2,200	\$485,000
S	717 Wakendaw Blvd	2,670	\$565,000
S	661 Oak Marsh Drive	2,147	\$585,000
S	1200 Manor Lane	3,083	\$775,000

\*A = Active; AC = Active Contingent; S = Sold

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