

April 20, 2020



The Lakes POA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring 2020

George Duhaime

I'd like to start this message by saying a HUGE **THANK YOU** to the many residents that have volunteered and continue to be available to shop for their Lakes neighbors. The Lakes, as well as the rest of the state, country and world, is experiencing a challenging time. As a community, we have always looked out for our neighbors and now is no exception. If you are unable or uncomfortable going out for groceries or prescriptions, please contact LITUS and they will have a volunteer contact you with assistance.

Next, I'd like to "Welcome" all the new Lakes residents. We have 28 new homeowners through the end of March in both new construction and existing homes. Welcome to the community!

The "park" behind the gazebo has been completed! It will take approximately 2-4 weeks for the sod to settle in, so please exercise caution if you choose to walk on the new grass area. Also, dog stations will be installed in the park and on Waccamaw River Road near the fountain. Please pick up after your dogs and help keep our community looking great. To further protect these investments in our community,

cameras are being installed covering the park area and the area around the dog station on Waccamaw River Road.

POA Quarterly Meeting Dates – 2020/2021

- July 20, 2020
- October 24, 2020*
- January 18, 2021

All quarterly meetings will be held at the **South Strand Recreation Center, 9650 Scipio Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC at 7 pm.**

*The annual meeting will also be held at the South Strand Recreation Center. Meeting time is 10:30 am.

Now, some reminders. Outdoor burning - trash, leaves, brush, construction debris – IS NOT permitted in the Lakes community. (See Rules and Regulations – The Lakes, on the website. Item 3, paragraph c). You may have a fire ring/fire pit for your personal enjoyment, but it is not to be used for burning of trash/debris.

We have a large number of contractors coming into the Lakes – lawn maintenance, roofing contractors, power washing, etc. – for the safety of all Lakes residents and the contractors, inform your contractors that they need to place traffic cones behind their vehicles/equipment trailers. It's for their protection and the protection of the drivers on the road.

Until we can meet again, please send any questions/concerns to LITUS (Karen Clark - KClark@litustolet.com or 843-448-9000 ext.129) and she will forward them to the board. Stay safe and stay well!

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – NEW LOCATION & 2020/2021 SCHEDULE

The Lakes Property Owners Association (POA) is extremely happy to announce that attendance at our annual and quarterly membership meetings has officially outgrown the LRC space. We consider this a great thing!

All future meetings (**including the Annual**, previously held at the Inlet Square Mall) will now be held at the **South Strand Recreation Center, 9650 Scipio Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588**. *(This is approx. 2-3 miles for most of us. It's at the end of the road by the Scipio Lane Recycle Center, Fire station, etc.).*

Meetings can now accommodate more people comfortably with ample seating and better acoustics. It also has much more appropriate parking.

We know some of our neighbors prefer not to drive at night, so we suggest those folks start seeking out friends and neighbors for ride sharing.

2020/2021 MEETING DATES:

Monday, July 20, 2020 (7:00 pm)

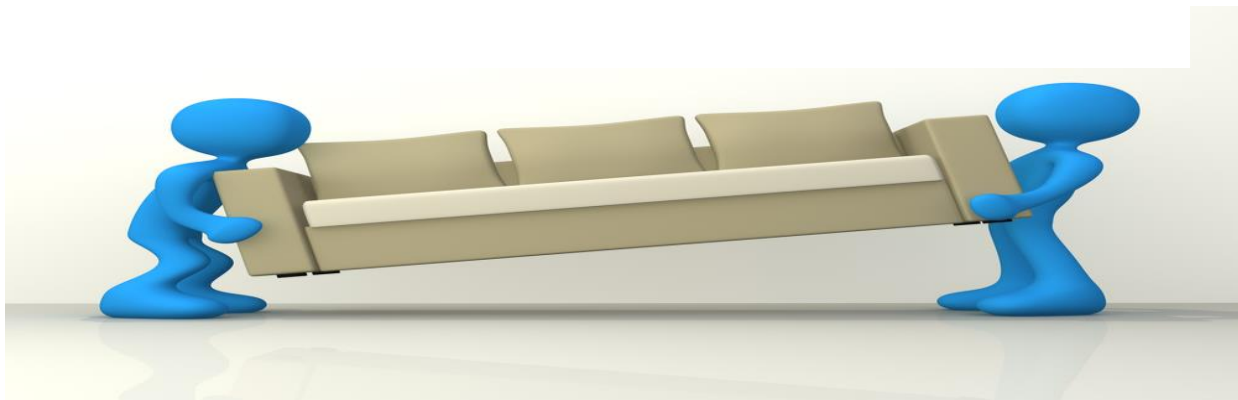
Saturday, October 24, 2020 (**ANNUAL, 10:30 – Noon**).

Monday, January 18, 2021 (7:00 pm)

We look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

Remember . . . IF you have a concern, issue, and/or complaint you wish to be addressed at any of these meetings, contact our property manager, Karen Clark (kclark@litustolet.com) at 843-448-9000 Ext. 129. The board typically meets before the scheduled meeting to follow up on these items and compile information.

WE'RE MOVING!!



GEESE ROUND-UP IN THE LAKES

by Debbie Wolcott

Please be aware that each year (usually between June and August 31) the Lakes conducts a geese round-up. This is not a random operation. **It is done in conjunction with the SC DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources) and Wildlife Services (WS) employees with the properly approved depredation permits.**

The goal is to reduce the overabundant flocks and the resulting damage caused by them. These problems include overgrazing of grass and ornamental plants; accumulations of droppings and feathers; attacks on people by aggressive birds; and the fouling (pollution) of reservoirs, swimming pools, docks, lawns, etc. The fouling contaminates water and property and poses a disease threat to humans. Therefore, **geese management is responsible stewardship to protect people, agriculture, and wildlife.** Relocation is usually NOT feasible since geese need to be relocated more than 200 miles away to reduce the likelihood of their return. They are typically euthanized humanely and donated to soup kitchens.

By nature, the Lakes (and its multiple islands) offer an attractive habitat for waterfowl of all types. For those adverse to this management technique, there are ways to manage populations to an acceptable level so that removal efforts are not needed . . . but that takes cooperation from every homeowner. To date this has not existed throughout the development. You can help.

To reduce population influx, homeowners need to:

- 1) Immediately discontinue feeding -- this reverts them to better quality natural foods elsewhere.
- 2) Modify Landscaping – slightly longer grass, less attractive vegetation (i.e. pachysandra, periwinkle, euonymus) esp. along watery edges and areas.
- 3) Install barriers – small fences, rocky areas, hedgerows, grid wires, and other physical barriers.
- 4) Use harassment / scaring-off techniques – chasing on foot, helium balloons, lawn ornaments with moving parts, mylar flags, bird scaring reflective tape, etc. (do not use noisemakers without checking local and state ordinances).
- 5) Use free ranging pets (only in your yard) to chase them away.

With assistance from all homeowners, local populations could potentially remain at acceptable levels so that roundups might not be necessary every year.

References: United States Dept. of Agriculture Wildlife Services Letter, dated February 3, 2020; and Wildlife Services Flyer, “Managing Waterfowl: An Integrated Approach”



Architectural Control Committee

by **Dave Vecchio**

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT CONTRACTOR WORKING HOURS ARE 7AM TO 7PM, Monday thru Saturday. No contractor work is allowed on Sunday. It is the residents' duty to inform the contractor of these rules. We hope you will help us in ensuring that this requirement is enforced.

My name is Dave Vecchio and I have been asked to take over as Chairman of the Lakes ACC. My predecessor, Jim Barrett, will stay on the committee as an Ad Hoc member and as my mentor. Jim has been on the ACC for more than 20 years and has forgotten more than I will ever learn.

The 1st quarter of 2020 has seen a brisk onset of ACC applications which includes approval for:

Scott Guyer (fence)	826 Waccamaw River Rd
Susan Collins (fence)	111 Ashley River Rd
Robert Bradley (fence)	283 Wateree River Rd
Mary Beschinski (sunroom)	284 Wateree River Rd
John Brunton (pool/fence)	1443 Winyah Bay Rd
Michael North (driveway extension)	295 Wateree River Rd
Patrick Dunn (fence)	1435 Winyah Bay Rd
Nickolas Maraglio (fence)	504 Seneca Ct
William Adkins (pergola/deck)	1427 Winyah Bay Rd
Sandra Souther (fence)	262 Catawba River Rd
Joseph Ernstberger (fence)	1436 Winyah Bay Rd
Dennis Guglielmi (pool/fence)	2027 Suwanee Ct
Jay Moormann (pool/fence)	804 Edisto River Rd
David Boher (pool enclosure)	613 Broad River Rd
Susan Malinowsky (landscape)	1450 Winyah Bay Rd

Please note that all applications must have the compliance fee accompanying the application in order to avoid delays of any project.

Lennar expects phase XVII to start by beginning of May 2020 and this will add 60 new homes in the Lakes. There will be an additional 140 homes in the future phases.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the ACC.

Jim Barrett	843-215-6513
Lenell Rabon	843-650-5300
Bob White	703-822-3626
Jack Rowles	843-650-0047
Dave Vecchio	724-244-8678 - ACC Chairman

Lakes Maintenance Report

by George J Eber

Well neighbors, spring is closing in on us and starting to affect the quality of our ponds. I have had a few calls from our neighbors to let me know what's going on about growth and have been in touch with our contractor. Thank you.

The first treatment will occur on April first and will continue every two weeks. I mentioned at the annual meeting about the "blocks" that will dissolve the sediment on the bottom. This will take place when the pond temperature reaches above 80 degrees. This placement will occur in the worst ponds first and then continue based on pond condition (worst to best) until all the ponds are treated.

Stay Safe this too shall end, and we will be back to our lives.

Here is a message from our contractor – Total Lake Care

I hope everyone is doing well during these changing times. We at **Total Lake Care** are still diligently working but are certainly practicing social distancing. If you see one of our staff members and need to express a concern, please notify your HOA who will in turn, relay the message to me. If you need to approach the technician, please be aware that they have been instructed to not shake hands and keep a safe distance of at least 6 feet from everyone they come into contact with. As the owner and operator, I am readily available to field all and any concerns from anyone in the properties we manage.

Since we are still at work and the weather is warming up, I want to take this opportunity to review the upcoming services for The Lakes Community. With the onset of March, our visits have increased to (2) per month. The next visit is Wednesday, April the 1st and recurring visits will take place in 2-3 week intervals. These are only scheduled, and any extra visits are encompassed by the management in place.

The technicians for this property are yours truly and our most tenured employee, Justin. Together we will assess and treat, accordingly, every single body of water throughout the community. This time of year is always ideal conditions for filamentous algae blooms. While natural, these blooms can be unsightly, a hindrance to water flow and dangerous to aquatic wildlife through oxygen depletion. We will be directly addressing these blooms through State certified algaecides, but we will also be addressing the source of these blooms through products that bind the nutrients which feed the blooms. This is how we proactively manage water. As always, we do not want to react to problems and treat the symptoms, we want to proactively assess and treat the source of the problem.

We look forward to another symbiotic and progressive year of professional lake management.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Richard A. Black II
Co-Owner & Operator

Lakes Drainage Committee Report

by **Kevin Martin**

The Lakes Drainage committee has been reviewing several drainage problems over the winter months. The committee ranks drainage issues based on feasibility, scope and impact. They are then prioritized and presented to the POA board for approval or further review. Currently, we have received board approval for a significant project on Lumber Court. There has been a persistent drainage issue at the cul-de-sac on Lumber Court for years. The primary swale draining the Court has become completely overgrown and clogged with vegetation and tree roots. We have accepted a bid from a reliable contractor to begin work in the near future, barring any delay due to Coronavirus concerns.

Now that Spring has sprung, it's time for all homeowners with secondary swales on their properties to assess the condition of those swales. The Lakes covenants require property owners to maintain their secondary swales and driveway grates. Please clear overgrown vegetation and debris from these areas and maintain a positive flow to the closest primary swale.

Any new work that a property owner does that will affect drainage (driveway, piping, etc.), requires them to contact the Drainage committee for approval. We are always available for consultation.

The Lakes Trash Picker Scoop...

by **George F. 'Moose' Krauss**

Easter Season greetings neighbors. We are blessed that once or twice a week a few volunteers trek from their homes to The Lakes subdivision main entrances to pick up trash in order to keep our neighborhoods looking as nice as possible.

For my wife Iris and I, this takes us – on average – about 45 minutes to complete. Thought a few might be interested in what the weekly trends average in reference to what trash we gather along our way to and from our home in River Village.

The items we usually pick up are: Bud light beer cans, Pepsi and Coke cans, various bottles of vodka and beer, wine containers, miniature whiskey bottles, Sex on the Beach cans, fast food wrappings and containers, Styrofoam cups, syringes, Astroglide lubrication miniatures, landscaping and vinyl gloves, empty cigarette packs, filled plastic trash bags and medicine prescriptions with the names and addresses of the people still on the labels!!

Sadly, lately we are seeing a lot of scattered Kleenex and paper napkins and hygiene wipes of every kind.

One passer by asked, "Why are you doing this?" I replied, "If we don't, THEY win!" It doesn't matter if people that are using The Lakes merely to expedite their travels from one exit to another – shortcuts during rush hours and the beat the school busses – in order to get to their destinations more expeditiously, the bottom line is after 18 months, if a few of us did not do what we sadly have to do, The Lakes may start looking like THE PROJECTS! No, I am not politically correct either.

Thank You to the few volunteers that exemplify selflessness and believe in living by the Golden Rule. Stay safe and stay healthy!

Memorial Palm Trees

The pond at the front entrance to the Lakes has been filled in and landscaped. As in the past, residents are being offered an opportunity to purchase a commemorative palm tree, planted in this new space, remembering a loved one. Each tree will be marked with a plaque with the name(s) of person(s) being remembered and the name of the person/family making the donation.

The cost of each tree is \$300. Please contact LITUS if you are interested in purchasing a memorial tree. Craig Wright, head of the Maintenance and Beautification Committee, will be coordinating this project.



HELP WANTED

Volunteer Carpenter/Wood Worker

The Lakes front entrance is looking great. The pond has been filled in and a beautiful landscaped area replaces what had become an unattractive, uninviting entry to our community.

While redoing this area, the display case for information postings and plaques recognizing past volunteers and presidents of the community was removed. Years of exposure to the weather left the entire structure on the verge of collapse.

We are now in search of a talented carpenter/wood worker to build a suitable replacement structure. All materials will be provided.

Please contact LITUS if you are interested in volunteering your talents. Craig Wright, head of the Maintenance and Beautification Committee, will also be coordinating this project.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!!

(Jodi Vecchio – Welcoming Committee)

Amy Jo Carter	103 Black River Road (2 nd home)
Andrew & Lori Godliman	1447 Winyah Bay Road
Martin & Constance Sommers	1440 Winyah Bay Road (2 nd home)
William Adkins	1427 Winyah Bay Road
Patrick & Karen Dann	1435 Winyah Bay Road
Jack & Kathleen Taylor	1439 Winyah Bay Road
Kim & John Brunton	1443 Winyah Bay Road
William & Bonnie Vogeler	1444 Winyah Bay Road
Susan Malinowsky	1450 Winyah Bay Road
Craig & Pamela Gilmour	554 Enoree Court (2 nd home)
William & Barbara Ann Morrell	1012 Lynches River Court
Charles & Jillian Overton	611 Broad River Road
Christopher & Melina Szegda	619 Broad River Road
Thomas & Deborah McLewee	1423 Winyah Bay Road
Margaret Lynch & Lawrence Ramirez	1419 Winyah Bay Road
Scott Mendelsohn	111 Ashley River Road (2 nd home)
Mary Hutchins	619 Hatteras River Road (2 nd home)
Scott & Cynthia Guyer	826 Waccamaw River Road
Carole Somerville, Sandra Southern & Kerry Garruso	290 Wateree River Road
William & Lucy Vesely	1428 Winyah Bay Road (2 nd home)
James & Dianne Power	1431 Winyah Bay Road
Connie Sharp & John Rood	670 Pamlico Court
Gary & Jan Wood	2019 Suwanee Court (2 nd home)
Sarah Dye	2001 Suwanee Court
Robert Gillman & Margaret Bishop	2009 Suwanee Court
Dennis & Janet Guglielmi	2027 Suwanee Court
Joseph & Patricia Ernstberger	1436 Winyah Bay Road (2 nd home)
Emily & Nelson Broyles	1424 Winyah Bay Road

Happy to have you be part of the community!



Lakes Directory

All issues or inquiries should be directed to our property manager Karen Clark at LITUS (KClark@litustolet.com) or 843-448-9000 ext.129. This provides a central point of collection and coordination.

Lakes POA Board Members

President – George Duhaime

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Architectural Committee	Jim Barrett (V)* & Dave Vecchio (V)*
Covenants Review	Doug Owens
Communications	Charlene Carson
Drainage	Mike Healy (V)*
Lake Maintenance	George Eber
Maintenance & Beautification	Craig Wright
Welcome Committee	Jodi Vecchio(V)*

*(V) = Volunteer