

The Lakes Bulletin

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So, What's Been Done for You Lately??

We find ourselves in June, not quite as house bound as a few months ago, but still waiting for the new normal to begin. Just as in each of your households, the work to keep up the Lakes community has continued. The Lakes POA Board, with the active leadership of its President, have been addressing the to do list of things to keep the community a safe, welcoming, beautiful place to live.

Curbing has been installed on a section of Waccamaw River Road (Beaufort River/Keowee River) to address the road flooding that occurred during heavy rains. The water is now directed into the drains on the roadway.

Flagpoles has been installed on Waccamaw River Road where the Lakes community is connected to our neighbors in Meadowwoods/Meadows of St. Patrick. The area has been landscaped with flowers and shrubs and palm trees line Waccamaw River Road. There are also flagpoles at the Lakes front entrance, illuminated with solar lights.

A buffer fence and plantings have been installed across from an exit to the new construction section to shield Beaufort River Road residents from an intrusion of headlights into their homes.

The pond at the front entrance, once a crumbling eyesore, has been transformed into a beautiful, grassy park area, surrounded by palm trees and shrubs. Who would have guessed that the pond was almost 9 feet deep! The planning, coordination and implementation of these changes was a detailed and time-consuming effort. Around the park, areas have been marked for golf cart and car parking. Also, a vendor was hired to replace the display case where the Lakes volunteer plaques are showcased.

To protect the Lakes community and the investments made to it, cameras are now in place. The coverage areas include the front entrance, park area, Waccamaw River Road between the park and Swan Lake Drive, Swan Lake Drive entrance at Waccamaw River Road and the entrance at Meadowwoods.

The fountain that was previously in the front pond has been repurposed. It is currently located in the lake along Waccamaw River Road but will be moved to Lake Oakatee once another fountain is installed.

Looking for ecologically and environmentally conscious solutions, the services of "GooseManJack" have been engaged to encourage the geese to seek other feeding grounds once the goslings are able to fly. Using a radio- controlled artificial predator "GooseManJack" makes the feeding/breeding environment uncomfortable for the geese. No birds are harmed in this activity.

The entrance to the River Village section of the Lakes (Hatteras River Road) has been landscaped with a balanced assortment of palm trees, shrubs and flowers creating a consistent appearance for the common areas of the Lakes community.

The island on Santee River Road has been transformed. Shortened, fenced, regraded and landscaped, It is now a small oasis in the cul-de-sac, another attractive common area in the community.

Finally, the question on everyone's mind – When is the next Quarterly POA meeting? The short answer - no one knows. The Lakes meeting schedule has the next date as Monday, 20 July at the new location – the Grand Strand Recreation Center on Scipio Lane. The latest update from the Horry County Department of Parks and Recreation indicates the Parks and Recreation Centers will reopen on a limited basis. Summer camps (daytime) will begin on Monday, 8 June 2020. Activities like basketball, pickleball, exercise classes will resume on Saturday, 13 June 2020 and **ONLY** on Saturdays through the summer months. Facility rentals (meeting space) will be available on Saturdays **ONLY** with occupancy limits to ensure proper social distancing.

Pending further directives from the Governor on large group gatherings and as Parks and Recreation staff resume standard work schedules, hopefully a more definitive answer will be forthcoming soon.

Please watch your email for further updates.

Stay safe and stay well.