

July 12, 2021



The Lakes POA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer 2021

George Duhaime

SAVE THE DATE!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 14, 2021, for a picnic in the park. Watch for details coming to your email box soon. RSVP's will be requested indicating the number attending (adults and children) for food ordering purposes. This will be the first of several Lakes POA community events planned for the upcoming months. Come out and meet your neighbors – old and new – at the park. This will be a BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) gathering!!

As always, think about volunteering your time to help with these events. Information on how to volunteer will be included in the upcoming announcements.

POA Quarterly Meeting

Dates – 2021

- July 19, 2021
- October 23, 2021*

All quarterly meetings will be held at the **South Strand Recreation Center, 9650 Scipio Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC at 6 pm.**

* 2021 Annual Meeting

Annual meetings will be held at the **South Strand Recreation Center, 9650 Scipio Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC at 10:30 am.**

FISHING – This is an issue that has had quite a lot of attention lately.

Fishing for **ALL residents** is only permitted in two common areas – Lake Murray (along Waccamaw River Road near the power lines) and Lake Oakatee (located on the right side of Waccamaw River Road coming in from the Meadowwoods community.) Additionally, homeowners with lake property and their guests, can fish on their own property. Fishing on lake properties, other than the two common areas, without the permission of the homeowner, is **TREPASSING**.

As the Lakes community continues to grow, there is an increase in the numbers of service vehicles entering and working in the Lakes. PLEASE remind your contractors (landscapers, lawn services, etc.) to use safety cones behind their parked vehicles/trailers. This is especially important when parked on road curves. Residents are also asked to be courteous (alternate/give way to oncoming traffic) on roadways where service vehicles are parked.

WALKERS – PLEASE remember to walk facing traffic. Also walk in a single file, this is a roadway. Blocking the road by walking in groups (2 or more walkers) creates a dangerous situation for drivers and walkers alike. There have been several instances reported where walkers taunted

and/or made rude comments or gestures to drivers. Share the road – it's OUR community. For the bikers in the community, remember to ride with the traffic and obey the rules of the road.

STOP SIGNS – The Horry County Police Department has revised its procedures and requirements to have police enforcement of traffic laws on private roads. As a result, they requested the county Engineering Department conduct an inspection of the existing regulatory traffic control signs in the Lakes. The results of the inspection determined that the stop signs in the Lakes do not comply with the current MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standards. The report from the county Engineering Department specifies the following requirements: sign size and type (reflective), installation location and sign height.

For the Lakes to once again have scheduled Horry County Police patrols in our community, all the stop signs and supplementary plaques (multiway stop-controlled intersections/4 way stops) must be replaced. The effort to replace the signs is already underway.

LITTER – This continues to be an issue in the community. Respect your community and do not throw trash on the roadsides. If you see someone throwing trash, please report the offense to Karen Clark (KClark@litustolet.com) with any identifying information (place, date, time, license plate number). Also please secure your trash when traveling to the recycle center. Volunteers for litter patrol are always needed. If you are interested contact Karen with your name. Kudos once more to George Krauss for his unfailing efforts to keep Swan Lake Road and areas of Waccamaw River Road trash free. **THANKS GEORGE!!**

SPEED TRAILER – The trailer continues to be placed in high problem areas throughout the community to raise awareness about speeding. The volunteers moving the trailer could use some additional hands. If you are interested in helping with the trailer, contact Karen Clark (KClark@litustolet.com) with your name and phone and/or email information. Volunteers would be provided with instruction on how to place the trailer and complete the tracking log.

See you at the next POA Quarterly meeting – **Monday, July 19, 2021, 6-8pm, South Strand Recreation Center, 9650 Scipio Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588**

POND MAINTENANCE / ISSUES IN THE LAKES

by Debbie Wolcott

In April, I volunteered to take over the position of pond facilitator. A bit of a challenge given the recent dry spells. To date, we have addressed numerous issues and concerns throughout the development.

Please remember that our “aquatic ponds” are WET RETENTION PONDS, they are not natural water sources, or lakes.

Total Lake Care is contracted to service and maintain our ponds 2x a month. They provide a vast array of services to our community within that contract. Additional treatments and/or services are extra. We try to put “hot spot” treatments into their routine work times whenever possible. **It is ESSENTIAL that ALL REQUESTS regarding services go through Karen Clark at LITUS** (KClark@litustolet.com). Please include your name, address, phone number, and Lake name on every request. I do not have access to your homeowner records.

As soon as I get a request, I will VISIT the area/address IN PERSON to determine IF or WHAT needs to be done and/or collaborated on; as well as, whether it is ours and/or the homeowners responsibility.

To date, I have interacted with ten (10) homeowners for a variety of issues including: Invasive apple snails, weeding & cleaning various pond areas, and even potential drainage issues with construction. Additionally, the following other issues have been directed and resolved:

LAKE LURE ACCESS – We have had ongoing issues regarding treating this pond because of limited access by boat. The BOD approved a ramp to be fabricated that will allow Total Lake Care to access the pond by boat. This should dramatically increase the ease for access and treatment. The ramp will be used in the common area (by the Lake Lure sign) and removed following treatment (for safety reasons).

LONG BAY LAKE EXTENSION – This is the 6.14 surface acre extension of Long Bay Lake in the Lennar development recently completed. We have acquired a Management Addendum from Total Lake Care to begin treatment upon approval by the BOD.

CARP RESTOCKING - The BOD has determined that future sterile carp restocking will occur in ALL lakes (applicable) at the same time. This is expected to occur every two years. As lake levels drop, we do lose more fish to “bird snatching.”

ADDITIONAL information you may care to know:

Our contractor, Total Lake Care, does provide services that individual homeowners may be interested in purchasing as well. They include (but are not limited to): Bank restoration, erosion control, fountains, aerators, aqua scaping, fish stocking, dredging, and mosquito control / eradication. They have natural options of bank maintenance and erosion control that can protect your lake perimeter at considerably less than a seawall. To inquire about these services, you can reach Richard Black at 843-267-4280 or waterdrichard@gmail.com

FEEDING THE WILDLIFE

by Debbie Wolcott

I know they are cute and fuzzy and even majestic . . . and everyone wants to feed them, but please, please, please refrain from that impulse, regardless of how tempting. It impacts the overall balance of nature and establishes “nuisance” animals in our development.

Wildlife it natural to our habitat and we love having them, but many fail to hunt on their own and/or get aggressive once fed by humans. Their entire survival skills are altered. Some fail to move on as they should. With 100 homes, this was once no problem; with 650 homes, it can be a serious one.

Currently, if you are not aware, the SCDNR (SC Department of Natural Resources) has requested that people STOP feeding the birds (for two weeks) as well. Recently, black bears have been sighted in our local developments (Indigo Creek/ The Lakes/ Murrells Inlet). It is suggested that any and all feeding sources be moved so that the bears move on their way. IF the food source remains, so will the bears.

Food sources include but are not limited to - food related trash, pet or wildlife food / scraps, and bird food. Please store all of this inside where a bear is not lured to it.

IRRIGATION OPERATING FROM THE PONDS

by Debbie Wolcott

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had sufficient rain to restore our pond levels; however, it is essential that homeowners dramatically consider that increasing levels of heat from year to year are having a major impact on them.

We STRONGLY encourage homeowners to seek other water sources for their lawns. Many lawncare systems at the edges of ponds are already unable to get water, and this could ultimately impact your pumps. This has become an issue over the last several years . . . due to increasing heat.

I have called Grand Strand Water (844-443-8200 or 8202) to find out the cost of installing an Irrigation Meter. It is \$1,150 dollars for meter installation, \$10 monthly, plus the water used for irrigation. This charges you for only water with no sewer. This is “in addition” to your normal household water bill. Once the \$1,150 dollars is paid, the meter will usually be installed within 25 business days. It is then the homeowner’s responsibility to have someone connect the irrigation system to the meter.



Architectural Control Committee

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.

Spring and summer are a busy time for you and the committee. Many projects are ongoing in the community, such as patios, decks, fences, and pools. Just a reminder that prior to any exterior projects being started, you must submit the proper forms for approval to the Architectural Control Committee. Project approval request forms can be found on the Lakes website (<https://thelakes.us/>) under the folder- Documents, sub-folder External Documents. There are many ways to submit your forms for approval. US (snail) Mail to 400 Waccamaw River Road, email to thelakesacc@gmail.com or the drop box located at 400 Waccamaw River Road

Most projects are addressed by one of the following forms:

ACC-2-MJP	Major Project Approval Request Form
ACC-2-SP	Swimming Pool/Spa Approval Request Form
ACC-2-BHD	Bulkhead/Dock
ACC-2-MIS	Miscellaneous Projects Approval Request Form

We are currently looking for people to join the committee, if you interested in being a part of the ACC committee, feel free to contact us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

Robert White 843-251-7625	ACC Chairperson
Jack Rowles	
Tom Fontanazza	
Bob Tomassetti	

Any projects started without prior approval are subject to daily fines until approved.



Welcome to the Neighborhood!!

(Jodi Vecchio – Welcoming Committee)

Atwood Place	Eric Wheeler
Beaufort River Rd.	Christopher Hanover & Luz Anchique
Bowen Place	Lori Murphy & Linda Ponterio
Gillham Loop	Michael & Cathleen DiCiccio Thomas & Randee Fontanazza Brian & Laurie McCulligh Frank & Valerie Elia David & Leilani Lane Michael & Sharon Hart Daniel & Lynn Frampton Donald & Denise Hamlin
Hatteras River Rd.	Holley Aufdemorte Gregory Sheets & Debra Gregg
New River Rd.	Frederick & Lisa Renshaw Richard & Linda Brubaker
Seneca River Rd.	David, Dustin, & Wendy Faulkner
Suwanee Circle	Barry & Vicky Thompson

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.

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*(V) = Volunteer