

The Lakes POA

Communicator

Welcome to the Lakes Office!

The Lakes Office is located in the building adjacent to the front entrance of the Lakes/park area! It will be staffed, by Board Members, to help assist the Community with items like copies of the ACC Booklet, general questions, copies of newsletters, help with the Lakes website, etc.

Current Office Hours: Wednesday 12pm – 3pm & Thursday 9am – 12pm

Covenants Review Updates

By-Laws - Ready for Voting!

The Covenants Review Committee has completed the review of the current POA By-Laws. The Committee is made up of Homeowners who want to ensure the community is protected and able to operate in today's environment. The By-Laws were written more than 30 years ago when the community was smaller and managed by the developer. The Committee has spent more than a year working on the proposed edits.

As a reminder, The By-Laws serve as the foundation for the way the POA Operates. The By-Laws are one singular set of agreements that tick and tie within each other. The By-Laws need to be reviewed and approved in their entirety to ensure they work together. The edits and changes proposed are designed to help modernize and simplify our By-Laws. There will be two informational sessions to help present the changes to the Homeowners and allow time for questions.

Informational Sessions:

Monday, March 7th, 6pm- 8pm at the Inlet Square Mall

Monday, March 21st, 6pm- 8pm at the Inlet Square Mall

Ballots can be delivered to the POA at the informational sessions or mailed using the pre-addressed stamped envelope. All ballots must be received by close of business on Monday, April 4, 2022.

. Covenants - Under Construction

The Covenants Review Committee has begun its review of the individual Covenants. This has become a joint effort with the ACC Committee. Two members of the ACC Committee are joining the Covenants Committee. There are many covenants that impact ACC requests and the committees felt the community would be better served to ensure alignment between the covenants and the ACC requirements.

Unlike the By-Laws, the Covenants are individual items that can be independent of each other and therefore changes can be independent to each item instead of collective. There will be several

opportunities to review proposed changes when they are ready.

Several Homeowners have submitted changes for consideration. Previously recommended changes have been cataloged and are under review. If there are new changes for review, please submit suggestions by emailing lakescovenants@gmail.com.

Projects Around the Lakes

Spring is around the corner and the POA Board is putting together a list of potential projects in the community. Currently under consideration are the following:

- **Roads** – Repairs were recently completed on the badly cracked road surface on New River Road. A committee will look into identifying other similar situations and develop a plan to address any remediation needs. Minor repairs were also done on Ashley Court to fix an issue caused by a drainage blockage. Requests for bids would be made after a scope of work has been determined.
- **Primary swales** – Along with spring, the Hurricane season is also right around the corner. The primary swales were deep cleaned several years ago and should be reassessed. Maintenance of the primary swales was taken on as a responsibility of the association several years ago. Maintenance of secondary swales continues to be the responsibility of the homeowner. Requests for bids will be made to vendors/contractors interested in this work.
- **Islands** – The island on New River Road recently underwent a redesign. This action was in part due to the continuous damage done by large vehicles (mail/delivery/ trash trucks, etc.) not only to the island but also the adjoining homeowners' lawns. The new design also reduces the maintenance and upkeep for the island. The remaining islands (there are 21 total in the Lakes) will be reviewed for possible changes.

Lake Levels

Rain, rain come our way!!! A bulletin was recently emailed to the Lakes community addressing the concerns being expressed about the lake levels. The greatest concerns were voiced about Long Bay and Seneca Lakes. As the bulletin stated, Horry County and the surrounding areas have been under severe drought conditions since early November 2021. Rainfall throughout all of 2021 was significantly less than normal. Coming into 2022, January, while the wettest month for the past 128 years, still left Horry County 2.24 inches under normal for rainfall. Rain is forecast in the coming days – but nothing is certain with the weather.

The Drainage Committee took some elevation measurements of Seneca and Long Bay Lakes using a transit and found Long Bay levels to be just below 2" higher than Seneca Lake. Since Seneca flows into Long Bay, these would be within normal parameters.

Until Mother Nature graces us with significant rainfall (guess we should be careful what we ask for!) the water flow and levels of the lakes will be impacted.

News from the Social Committee

EASTER EGG HUNT

When: Saturday, April 9, 2022

Time: 1pm

Where: The Park at the Lakes

Bring the children for an Easter egg hunt at the park. Eggs will be hidden on the park grounds for the children to find. There will also be goody bags for them!

Parking will be available in the office space adjacent to the park. Please remember to bring a chair if you would like and a basket for the children to collect the eggs.

This will be a rain or shine event.

If you would like to help, please contact Michele at lakesparkevents@gmail.com

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Mark your calendars - the social committee is looking forward to a fun filled year of community events at the Park.

Our **Tentative** event dates for the remainder of 2022:

**September 9, 2022** (Saturday) - Lakes 2<sup>nd</sup> annual community BBQ

**October 29, 2022** (Saturday) - Annual Halloween Party and Parade AND our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili cook off

**December 10, 2022** (Saturday) - Christmas Party will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>

While these events are quite a bit of work to pull together, it's always worth it when you see the happy children and the homeowners in our community coming together and meeting new people!! We look forward to more homeowners participating in the events. More information on these and other events will be sent out closer to their dates.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at these events, please email Michele at:

[lakesparkevents@gmail.com](mailto:lakesparkevents@gmail.com)

## *Beautification Committee Update*

A message from the Beautification Committee Chairperson – Bill Vesely

I am happy to announce that at the present time, 12 Lakes residents have volunteered to be part of the Beautification Committee!! If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent, please text or call me at 516-395-1403.

We will be starting our planting projects at all "the Lakes" signs and the gazebo around the first week of April.

## Contract Award

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for the Landscaping contract to maintain the common areas in the Lakes community. Responses of interest were received from 7 companies, all of whom were given a tour of the community to understand the scope of work involved. A total of four (4) companies subsequently submitted proposals. Those proposals were reviewed by the Board, considering multiple factors (proximity to the Lakes location (responsiveness in case of emergency, organization structure (small business or franchise), price for service, etc.) Following discussion, the contract for Landscaping services has been awarded to **Premium Landscaping LLC**.

The Board views this as a win-win situation, as the owners of Premium Landscaping are also residents of the Lakes. We look forward to having a successful relationship as well as one be beneficial to the community.

**Welcome to Premium Landscaping!**

### On the Funny Side of the Lake...

What did the ocean say to the shark?

***Nothing, he just waved.***

The Lakes Communicator will be prepared and distributed 8 months of the year. In those months where a newsletter is distributed (January, April, July and October), the Communicator will not be distributed. The Communications Committee is working with the Board of Directors to include information on upcoming projects and events in future issues.

## Horry County Community Information

### LOCAL HOSPITALS

|                      |                                  |                |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Tidelands Waccamaw   | 4070 US 17 Bypass Murrells Inlet | (843) 652-1000 |
| Conway Medical Ctr   | Singleton Ridge Rd Conway        | (843) 347-7111 |
| South Strand Med Ctr | 5050 US 17 Bypass Myrtle Beach   | (843) 839-1000 |
| Grand Strand Med Ctr | 809 82nd Pkwy Myrtle Beach       | (843) 692-1000 |

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| MB VA Outpatient Clinic         | 1800 Airport Dr               | (843) 477-0177 |
| MB VA Outpatient & Primary Care | 1101 Johnson Ave Myrtle Beach | (843) 577-5011 |
| Market Commons VA Clinic        | 1101 Johnson Ave Suite R2A    | (843) 477-0177 |

### POLICE AND FIRE

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| Horry County Police Non-emergency | (843) 915-5350 |
| Horry County Fire & Rescue        | (843) 915-5190 |

### REC CENTERS

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Horry County Parks & Rec       | 2830 Oak St Conway                      | (843) 915-5330 |
| Pepper Geddings Rec Ctr        | 3205 N Oak St Myrtle Beach              | (843) 918-2280 |
| Claire Chapin Epps Family YMCA | 5000 Claire Chapin EPPS Dr Myrtle Beach | (843) 449-9622 |
| South Strand Rec Ctr           | 9650 Scipio Ln Myrtle Beach             | (843) 915-5333 |
| Burgess Community Ctr          | 10299 SC 707 Myrtle Beach               | (843) 650-2796 |

### COUNTY OFFICES

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Horry County Treasurer      | 9630 Scipio Ln Myrtle Beach   | (843) 915-5470 |
| Horry County Auditor        | 9630 Scipio Ln Myrtle Beach   | (843) 915-5052 |
| Horry County Clerk of Court | 9630 Scipio Ln Myrtle Beach   | (843) 915-5080 |
| Horry County Probate Court  | 1301 2nd Ave<br>Conway        | (843) 915-5370 |
| Myrtle Beach DMV            | 1330 Howard Pkwy Myrtle Beach | (843) 839-8003 |
| SC DMV                      | 1200 21st Ave N Myrtle Beach  | (843) 448-9957 |

### RECYCLE CENTERS

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|  | 9610 Scipio Ln Myrtle Beach (closed<br>Thurs) | (843) 347-1651 |
|  | McDowell Shortcut<br>(closed Tues)            | (843) 347-1651 |
|  | 4670 Jones Rd                                 | (843) 347-1651 |