



The Arboretum News

March 2008

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March Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Arboretum Community Association was held March 11, 2008 at the Arboretum Clubhouse. President Bob Hittinger called the meeting to order. Directors Bob Ahlers, Jay Ervin, Joe O'Donnell and Shirley McGraw were present, as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe and Secretary Jo Hitchuk. The minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

Tom Kehoe reported that the operating fund balance as of February 29 was \$47,644, and the long-range fund balance, \$57,636. Expenses included landscaping supplies (pine straw) and pool supplies. A new card reader was purchased (\$536) and software for the system (\$429). The cost of propane for January and February is double that of last year but, when averaged over the last seven years, within the norm. We are \$2,100 above last year's costs for two reasons; the quantity consumed is greater (\$770), and the price is greater (\$1.60 last year vs. \$2.46 this year), bringing the total to \$1,370 more than last year. If the price doesn't increase again, and we use the amount we've averaged over the last

seven years, we'll be about \$3,300 over budget on this item

Tom said it also appeared that usage of the spa was responsible for a large portion of the heating bill.

Bob Ahlers suggested that the air temperature be dropped by a degree.

Dues are outstanding for 3 owners. Letters have been sent out as reminders.

Committee Reports

- **Landscape** – Jim Czekalski sent an email on March 6 regarding pine straw. Greenman Landscaping has offered to deliver and install pine straw for residents. The price is \$4.75 per bale for delivery only, and \$7.10 for delivery and installation. Expected delivery is April 1-15. So far we have about 325 bales on order. He will send an email with the last date to order.

Jim will be meeting with Greenman tomorrow to walk through the community and discuss plans for Spring landscaping.

- **Caswell Sewer Service** - Howard Newett said the plant is operating normally and we are in full compliance. A state inspection scheduled for tomorrow was cancelled by the state and will be rescheduled at a later date. Two pumps were replaced at the lift station on Mimosa at a cost of between \$10,000 - \$11,000.

John Wall said taxes were filed for Caswell Sewer Service this week after receiving a lot of help from Tom Kehoe.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Arboretum Clubhouse at 7:00PM. All Arboretum Community Association members are encouraged to come and make your voice heard.

- April: Tuesday, April 8th
- May: Tuesday, May 8th
- June: Tuesday, June 10th

- **Buildings and Grounds** – Joe O'Donnell said there were two new lights installed, one by the flag post, which is bigger and brighter and will last longer. There are no open issues on lighting. He will be in touch with Perma Coat soon.
- **Social** – Judy O'Donnell was absent. Anh Baginski stated on March 16 from 5-6 p.m., there will be a meet-your-neighbor reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Appetizers to share would be welcomed. The annual Flea Market will be held April 19. Donations will be accepted April 14-18. Because the majority of the Social Committee will be out of town during the next month or so, volunteers to help at the Flea Market are desperately needed. If you have any free time and can help, please contact Anh.
- **Pool/Spa** – Pat Wells stated that everything is going well. The problem of band aids, however, is still present. If you have an open sore, you shouldn't be in the pool, that's the rule. But if you lose a band aid, please don't leave it for someone else to pick up. They're contaminated, and somebody else can get your germs.

A second bid is being solicited for cleaning the grouting and tile on the top row in the pool.

- **Caswell Beach Liaison** - Jim Hinkhouse reported that the next Town meeting is Thursday, March 15 at 5 p.m. at Town Hall. There will be an advanced opportunity for public comment. This is budget-setting time at Caswell Beach. If you have a project or something that you want done, then come to the meeting and be prepared to present it with facts and figures.

The Town zoning maps (not flood maps) have been updated for the first time since the late 70s, and everyone gets one last look at them to make sure their lots are as they should be

before they are published. The Planning Board has recommended that they be accepted and if there are no objections, there will be action by the Board of Commissioners.

Another agenda item is a proposed licensing agreement regarding the public parking lot across from Progress Energy. A presentation to the Board, which will be then be referred to the Planning Board, involves a joint venture between Caswell Dunes and the Oak Island Golf Course to build a cul-de-sac where flooding problems have occurred. Between the 6th green and the 7th tee, the golf course will put in another pond. The process is expected to take several more months.

A volunteer is needed for the Board of Adjustments. Two volunteers are needed for the Water Advisory Committee.

A proposal will be discussed for a resolution stating that the Town of Caswell Beach does not support the new international port in Brunswick County.

Bob Ahlers stated that this is the start of the tour season for the lighthouse. If anyone in the community would like to volunteer to be lighthouse tour guide, please contact him. Open tours to the public are conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am–2pm. from Memorial Day to Labor Day (guides work in two-hour shifts, and there are also tours to the top throughout the year.

- **Architectural Review Board** – Jerry Johnson stated the Gibbony house is finished.

Trees are the biggest issue the Board continues to face.

- **Clubhouse Reservations** – Bo Plant was absent. Bob Hittinger stated that for the month of March, there are three reservations : the opera class, a book club meeting, and the wine and cheese reception.

- **Clubhouse Manager** – Pat Wells reported that the carpeting which was to be installed in the back hall arrived damaged and is being re-ordered. It's expected to arrive this week and will be installed shortly thereafter.

Two lamps in the clubhouse are on timers. Please don't turn them off when you leave in the evening.

The quarterly pest control treatment by Clegg will take place tomorrow.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business

Public Comment, Q's and A's

- Shirley McGraw said that cable problems were unable to be fixed today because when a box cover was lifted (just past the Caswell Dunes Clubhouse on the right) there was a mother and baby rattlesnakes. The cover was left off so the snakes would relocate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Minutes by Jo Hitchuk, Secretary

(next regular meeting April 8, 2008)

Don't forget On
April 19th, the 2nd
annual Arboretum
Flea Market will be
held from 8am- 12pm.

Remember to save
your treasures.

The drop-off schedule
is tentatively
scheduled as follows:

Monday & Tuesday
(April 14 & 15):
10am - 2pm

Wednesday and
Thursday (April 16 &
17): 1pm - 5pm

Friday (April 18):
9am - 12pm



OUR NEW NEIGHBORS
 JACK & JEANNE COWLING
 112 FLOWERING BRIDGE PATH

Thanks to everyone who worked to make the evening success, especially our Social Committee members!

NEW NEIGHBORS
 WINE & CHEESE
 A Good Time & lots of Good
 company!





The Social Committee always need help so please volunteer when you can.


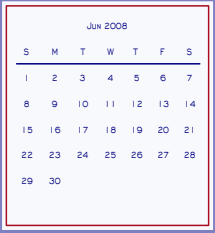
























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<p>9</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>7:00 PM-9:00 PM ACA MEETING</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p>  <p>7:00 PM-10:00 PM Mah Jongg</p>	13	<p>14</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p>	15
<p>16</p> <p>Wine & Cheese Party - get to meet your new neighbors! 5:00pm</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Book Club Dawn Phillips 6:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p>  <p>7:00 PM-10:00 PM Mah Jongg</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>10:00 AM Clubhouse Cleaning</p> <p>Spring begins</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	22
<p>23</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00AM SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p>  <p>7:00 PM-10:00 PM Mah Jongg</p>	27	<p>28</p>  <p>8:30 AM-11:00 AM Water Aerobics</p>	29
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A view from the Goodman's Backyard!



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