

# The Arboretum News

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### **September Board Meeting**

The regular board meeting of the Arboretum Community Association was held September 14, 2010 at the Arboretum Clubhouse. President Mike Gould called the meeting to order. Directors Bob Hittinger, Jim Czekalski, and Vice President Shirley McGraw were present, as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe and Secretary Sarah Williams, Director Bronstein was absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Tom Kehoe reported the balances for the end of May were as follows:

\* Operating fund \$71,317

\* Long Range Fund \$66,847

Mayor Harry Simmons attended the meeting and was asked to address the group. He reported that the sewer project was moving along as expected with a projected date of January 31 for the hook-

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

Board Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

\* September: Tuesday, September 14th

\* October: Tuesday, October, 12<sup>th</sup>

\* November: Saturday, November 6th Annual Meeting & BBQ Lunch on. Encountering underground wiring has been a challenge; however, this seems to be solved.

- \* Mosquitoes have been exceptionally bad this year and the request to increase the spraying has been made.
- \* Storm water control in Ocean Greens seems to be working well.
- \* A grant has been received to help with storm water management.

Comments from the group included questions of why the golf club does not spray for mosquitoes. Mayor Simmons suggested that someone who is a member of the club take this issue to the club board.

Rich Walsh noted that the holes on the beach were numerous and large. He also asked if the Oak Island sewer over-runs would affect the HOA adversely. The Mayor's answer was that our contract was not tied into the collection system problems that OI is experiencing. Walsh complimented the Council on the grant money they had sought and obtained. Mayor Simmons noted that the radio control meters would mean that house owners would receive monthly billing for sewer. Replacement of old meters has been completed for the most part.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Landscape** (Jim Czekalski): Club House irrigation system problems have been repaired along with the waterfall pump. Trimming and clearing of trees, etc., continues. The dead tree on Alyssum is to be removed by the end of the month or early October.
- **Building and Grounds** (Jack Cowling): Fall pick-up is scheduled for October. Mosquito donuts have been added to the pond. Boards

on both the bridge deck and clubhouse deck have been secured.

- **Social** (Karen Walsh): A "deck dinner" will be held September 18. Bring a dish. There will be games to demonstrate the new court activities. October Fest will take place on the 16th.
- **Pool/Spa** (Pat Wells): No sand in the pool since school started. The spa is ready with a temp of 101 degrees. A full time participant is needed to take the pool classes for certification. Mary Bausch volunteered to fill this position.
- Deborah Ahlers announced there would be a warrior's dinner October 8 at 6:00. All are encouraged to attend and bring a dish to share. Helpers are needed for registration the next morning. Marti Hardy volunteered for this. The warriors will be staying at the Comfort Inn; anyone willing to donate money can pay for a room at the Inn. Donations are asked for.
- Architectural Review Board (Marti Hardy): Approved tree removals were made for:
  - \* Bill Moore, 211 Narcissus
  - \* Robert Clarke, 711 Alyssum
  - \* Holly Rogers, 732 Alyssum
- **Clubhouse Reservations** (Bo Plant): There is only one reservation for September.
- ClubhouseManager(RickWalsh): Bathrooms have been treated for mildew with the help of Bob Hittinger. New fans and vents should help this problem
- **Security** (Bob Hittinger): No problems reported.

#### **New Business**

 Vice President McGraw informed the group that there are 4 candidates for the 3 positions now occupied by Hittinger, Czekalski, and Bronstein. The candidates are: Hittinger, Czekalski, Bronstein, and Alice Ervin. Nominations continue to be open.

President Gould reported on the following:

- Clubhouse Deck Door About three months ago, the Social Committee has submitted a proposal for an additional door in the clubhouse to connect the meeting room with the deck. Which would allow movement from the room to the deck during parties. Hopefully, it would lead to more usage of the deck. The estimated cost was between \$2,500 to \$4,000 including security camera and crash bar. The committee offered to pay for \$1,000 of the cost from profits of the tag sale. After much discussion, the ACA Board voted 4 to 0 in favor of the project. Since the funds to do the project are included in the 2011 budget, the project cannot be started until January 2011.
  - Tennis Court / Recreation Area The majority of the board voted, 3 to 1, in favor of the mincomplex owing to they felt that the complex would get much more use than the existing tennis courts. The complex includes space for one tennis court, a paddleball court, and a half-court basketball court. It does not make sense to continue to spend significant funds to maintain an asset that has very little usage. The Board had taken a survey through email of the homeowners. Of the responders to the questionnaire, 34 of 41 were for the minicomplex. At the time of the Board's vote the complex was estimated to be approximately \$5,000 more than resurfacing the courts and there was more than enough funds reserved to cover the cost. (Actual cost was \$4,450). The resurfacing project included repairing cracks, filling holes, covering with a fiberglass

mesh, and surfacing with the normal court type paint.

Board member Bronstein was absent from the meeting and sent the following statement pertaining to the recreation area, which Gould read aloud:

Statement: Mini Sports Area and Outdoor Pool

Homeowners; Since I am out of the country and could not attend tonight's meeting, I've asked Mike Gould to read this statement into the record. I was the lone dissenting vote in both the Mini Sports Area and Outdoor Pool issues and wanted to share my reasoning with you.

I voted against the Mini Sports Area because of concern about spending an additional \$5-6,000 above and beyond the cost of resurfacing the existing tennis courts. Just because we have the money in the budget does not mean we have to spend it now. The Board is unsure whether this new configuration will get any more usage than the two tennis courts currently do. While I'm not opposed to the project, I could not justify spending the extra money now while we still don't know the status of sewer assessments. I am also concerned about reducing reserves as a source of potential funding of unforeseen emergencies. As a secondary issue, I am concerned about the noise levels generated by a basketball court, specifically to those neighbors who are in close proximity to the court.

On the outdoor pool issue, the board unanimously approved moving forward on setting up a committee to gather costs to build an outdoor pool. That was done at a Saturday Board meeting. I immediately sent out an email requesting volunteers. Two days later,

on Monday, the board rescinded that approval. I was the lone dissenting vote. I felt that it was important to put this issue to rest, once and for all. The only way to accomplish that was to know what the actual costs might be and to present them to the community.

I believe in absolute transparency and wanted members to know how and why I voted against the majority opinion of the Board. Thank you.

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There was further discussion pertaining to the sports complex including the following:

- \* It was hoped the sports complex would generate more activity than the second tennis court.
- \* Some people suggested that the decision was made too quickly while others applauded the Board's decision.
- \* Shuffleboard was eliminated because the surface would not be smooth enough.
- \* The Board had not considered a swimming pool, because of the exorbitant cost.
- \* The new surface for the courts should last 8-10 years.
- \* New equipment has been purchased including paddle rackets, pickle balls, and basketballs.

Hittinger moved that the 2011 budget be approved. It was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Williams, Secretary



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## Great American Novel Series: Southern Literature with Bob Baginski, Ph.D.

When: Tuesdays: Oct. 5, Oct. 19, and Nov. 2, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where: Southport Presbyterian Church

We will examine three great Southern novels:

- Mark Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Oct. 5)
- William Faulkner's Light in August (Oct. 19)
- Robert Penn Warren's All the King's Men (Nov. 2)

Through brief lecture and structured discussion, we will focus on the novels' distinguishing "Southern" characteristics, narrative technique, character and theme, and role in the American literary tradition. <u>Participants are expected to read the actual novels by the dates indicated.</u>

Baginski earned his doctorate in English from Ohio University, specializing in American literature and linguistics. He has taught English courses at three universities, and has also written and edited for numerous academic and business journals.



To register call 910-962-3195 or online at: www.uncw.edu/olli

Registration is \$39 for OLLI members and \$59 for non-members.

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