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Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to the start of another year! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season despite all that is going on in the world. It is time for my first newsletter as the new ACA president!

First I would like to welcome our new owners. If I remember correctly, we had 9 properties turnover during 2020, which some thought was a record. It looks like we matched that number last year! Our new members are:

Richard Gallo and Leesa Rademacher

Richard Carlson and Mary Allen

Michael and Crystal Wise

Bill and Jackie Santos

Ed and Julie Walenciak

Kevin and Karis King

Bill Bradley

Ed and Allison Toth

Steve and Lisa Stoner

Social Events, Meetings, and Covid. The board has decided, due to the ongoing situation, we will continue to not hold any of our normal social events or regular HOA meetings. Brunswick County recently raised its risk level to severe with cases reaching new high levels. Hopefully we will get back to normal sooner rather than later.

Landscaping. We are contracting with a different landscaping company this year. The Beautification Committee developed a month by month landscaping plan which was included in the agreement we have reached with the new contractor.

Street Lights. You may have noticed that some of the street lights on the walls at some intersections have become significantly brighter. As background, the HOA has been working with BEMC to install new bulbs to help better illuminate the intersections for safety. BEMC changed out 24 bulbs in total as an experiment: 8 at the big intersection, 4 at one end of Palmetto and 2 on the other, 4 on Periwinkle and 4 at the end of Flowering Bridge. The bulbs are Bluetooth capable and they have an app to control them, to include lowering their output. A rep from BEMC came out 5 January and lowered all 24 to an output of 55%, which is as low as they go.

Projects. There are a number of major projects occurring this year as we continue to maintain the ACA's infrastructure. As these projects occur, they may impact our use of some facilities.

- The deck around the club house is in need of replacing. It was originally in the plan to be done last year, but the board decided to put it off due to the sky rocketing price of lumber in the hope that prices would come back down. We are currently gathering proposals/estimates.

- The tennis courts are in need of resurfacing. We are also gathering estimates for this project.

- The propane tank for the pool heating system is at the end of its service life and needs to be replaced. We have a contract for this project and are working to schedule it, hopefully shortly. The pool and spa may have to be closed for part of the work.

Stormwater. Along with the town of Caswell Beach and the other communities, we continue to look into mitigation methods to deal with stormwater, including dredging the ponds under the bridge and constructing a new dam to help with water flow.

Facebook page. If you don't know, or as reminder, the community has a private group Facebook page: "Arboretum Residents Community".

If you have any questions on these or any other topics, please feel free to contact me or any member of the board.

Here is to a safe, happy and healthy year!

Jim

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