

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is in the air and it is time for another newsletter!

First of all, we will resume our in person community meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 April at 7PM. We will continue to hold meetings every other month.

We will also start holding community social events in the coming months. I heard rumors of a Happy Hour in April, a Taco Party in May, and potentially a Beach Party in June. More to follow from the Social Committee!

Street Lights. As I mentioned in my last email, many of the bulbs in the street lights on the walls were replaced with adjustable bulbs. Some concerns have been expressed that the lights are still too bright. This remains an issue which we are working on.

Projects. There are still 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 work replacing the deck around the club house is due to begin in April and should take 15-20 days. Materials should arrive on the 1st of April and work is due to commence on or about the 4th of April. We should still have access to the club as they are working although it may be around back for part of the project.

— We are continuing to gather estimates/proposals for resurfacing the tennis/pickle ball courts.

— The project to replace the propane tank for the pool heating system started the 7th of March and very may well be done by the time this newsletter has hit the streets. I, and the board, would like to thank Doug Samuels for all his efforts in seeing this project reach a successful conclusion!

Stormwater Management. This topic continues to be a concern for both us and the town of Caswell Beach. The town is currently working on applying for grants for projects that, if approved, may help alleviate or mitigate some of the issues with stormwater. One of these is the pond at the entrance to the community. It needs to be dredged in order to restore it to a better depth and the dam needs to be replaced with a much more efficient design. The town has to work through a process and we will keep you up to date.

Fine Schedule. Based on community input, the board engaged with a lawyer to determine if our fine schedule, for violations of the restrictive covenants and bylaws, is in line with North Carolina code. The advice we received from the lawyer indicated that it is not, so at our last meeting the board voted to change the fine schedule to comply with North Carolina General Statute 47F-3-107.1. The new guidance will be published to the Arboretum website in the near future.

Golf cart Parking. The board continues to look into the issue of golf cart parking across from the beach. Our options are constrained as the Arboretum does not own the property in question.

Tree work. Some of the trees around the clubhouse were looking a little sketchy so the board asked the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension to come and look at them. Based on their recommendations, we asked Monster Tree Service to come in and do some of the work. The owner, our own Paul Dhunjisaw (714 Alyssum Ave), donated the services of his company at no charge to the community. I, the board and the whole community thank Paul for his generosity!

Website. Speaking of the website, we have a new webmaster! Thanks you Jim Plant for all your work in the past and thank you Kathleen Berry for taking on the management of the site!

Facebook page. Just as a reminder, the community has a private group Facebook page: "Arboretum Residents Community".

Yard pick up. The town has announced that the next yard pick up will be held 28-30 March. For new residents, the town sends out notices about events, meetings etc by email. You can sign up for these emails on the town's website: www.caswellbeach.org.

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 continued safe, happy and healthy year!

Jim Conklin
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