



# CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

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**May 2020**

## **Welcome New Neighbors!**

Our hard-working welcoming committee has not been able to visit homes of new neighbors, but we do still have new neighbors moving in. If you see someone you don't know while you're out walking or working in your yard, say hello!

## **POA 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Breakfasts & First Friday Get-Togethers**

Breakfasts and First Friday gatherings continue to be cancelled. When we can schedule these social events again, you will receive news via email and a flyer.

## **Our Sympathies Go To**

Russell Thayer, Scarlett Thayer's husband, who had been in hospice care, died April 14th at Health Care after a long illness. A memorial service will be postponed until such a time that it is possible for family and friends to gather. Notes of condolence can go to Scarlett at 618 Downs Loop.

## **President's Letter**

The Clemson Downs neighborhood has been lucky in that we have not had anyone who has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus according to our last count. CARC residents are still under a quarantine; however, beginning last week those who live in the apartments are allowed to go outside for a few hours each week but must remain on the campus. CARC property remains closed to the general public including family members and POA residents.

Good news! The POA Board of Directors has reopened our Woodland Walk and has posted safety restrictions. Quite a few people from outside Clemson Downs enjoy that area. If you see anyone violating the restrictions, please let them know that the signs apply to EVERYONE.

Your board was able to hold its monthly meeting for April despite the "stay at home" order. Anne Snider gave members tutorials in the use of Zoom, which is a system that allows group meetings to take place with video and audio via computer. We all passed, and we met. The drawback was that residents could not attend; however, you will find excerpts from the approved minutes in this edition of our newsletter. As you know, the monthly minutes in their entirety are sent to you via mass email, posted on our website, and placed in the Notebook in the CARC Library when their campus is open to us.

We hope to have our May board meeting at the Corley Center. You will be notified if that is possible. Since no one here could venture very far from home, and had only a few places to go even then, many of us have been working in our yards. The result is that our community is sparkling. Do take a walk and enjoy the beautiful results of all our efforts.

Stay safe and healthy. -- Martha Grigsby

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

- Reasons for closing Woodland Walk include fallen trees, debris, and unstable ground. All those problems have been repaired and Woodland Walk has reopened. Vandalism continues to be a problem, and Clemson City police have been notified of the situation.

- Signs have been posted in Woodland Walk reminding users of social distancing and that Woodland Walk is private property.
- Plans are underway for dealing with the runoff from Downs Blvd. into the backyards of Birch Place. Affected Birch Place homes will tie into a drainage pipe that runs through common property. We will wait until we have several heavy rains to re-evaluate the situation.

## **Website Tips**

Do you know someone who wants to join the Downs neighborhood? Are you considering selling your home? The neighborhood website ([www.cdpoa.com](http://www.cdpoa.com) or [www.cdpoa.org](http://www.cdpoa.org)) lists homes for sale or rent that have requested to be listed. Go to the website and click on Our Community and then Homes for Sale or Rental Information.

If you want to list your home for sale, you can send the particulars plus photos to Anne Snider at [sniderah@gmail.com](mailto:sniderah@gmail.com). Make sure to include price and contact information.

If you want to list your home for rent, all the information, including requirements and forms to fill out, is on the Rental Information page.

## **Information**

### ***Storm Damage in Woodland Walk***

There was extensive storm damage in the Woodland Walk during the April 12th storm. We had approximately 12-15 trees fall that directly affected the safety of the Walk.

On Monday morning, with CARC's help we marked all the trees to be taken down and used yellow caution tape to close off all entrances in the interest of safety. Ryan Smith, who holds our POA contract for common property, and his crew were able to remove all the most dangerous trees but it left piles of limbs and trunks. We're working on removing these but with everyone doing emergency work in the area, we haven't been able to do so yet. Ryan and his crew have been back and done a more complete cleanup and the Walk was opened by the Board on April 20th.

In addition, on the east side of the trail closest to Camelot we had additional tree damage. This area is not posing a danger to the Walk, so it was left as is per our conservation easement. Many of the tree trunks taken down were used to line this area to keep people out.

Temporary signs regarding social distancing and rules in Woodland Walk have been placed at all entrances due to more traffic during our stay at home order.

### ***Gazebo Reopening***

The Gazebo is open to Clemson Downs residents only. Until further notice please do not invite guests to the area. Also, there will be no reservations taken for gazebo use.

A maximum of eight (8) people are allowed inside at any one time until further notice.

The social distancing rule applies. Everyone must maintain a separation of six (6) feet between persons.

The Gazebo closes at sunset each evening. No audio devices are allowed.

## **Things to Remember**

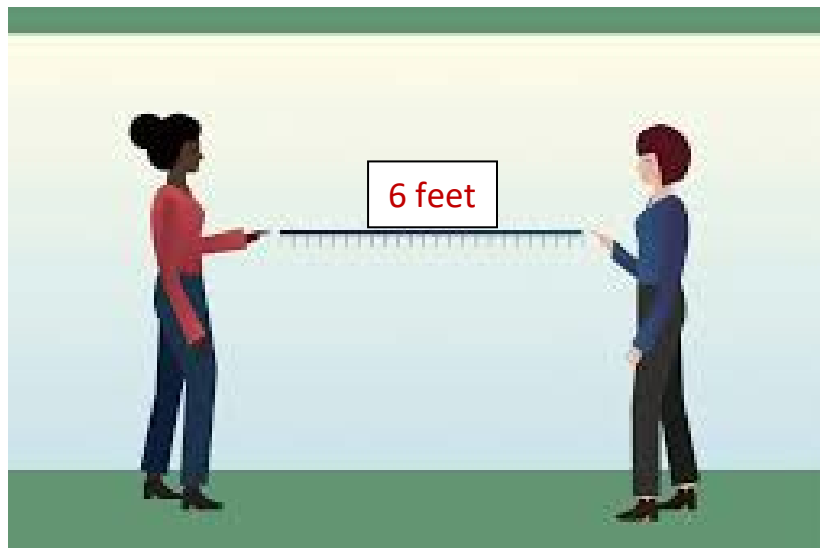
### ***Garage Doors***

The Architectural Review Committee would like to remind residents of ITEM 3, Bullet 5 of our Clemson Downs Architectural Review Guidelines: "Garage doors are to be kept closed at all times except when in use (meaning the garage area is in use) by the individual property owner. However, leaving the garage door open a maximum of fifteen inches (15") for cooling or other purposes is permissible." (Reference Restrictive Covenants Article VIII, Section 11).





# The Clemson Downs Gazebo is now open with the following restrictions:

- Clemson Downs residents only
- Occupancy is limited to a maximum of 8 people per gathering until further notice
- Gazebo closes each evening at sunset.
- No audio devices are allowed
- We are not taking reservations at this time

The social distancing rule of 6 feet of separation is in place



# MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Welcome, spring weather, flowers, and sunshine!</p> 				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7 ARC Meeting 2:00 p.m. (via ZOOM)	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30
31	<p>Remember our patriots! Memorial Day (May 25), Flag Day (June 14), and Independence Day (July 4) are the perfect dates to fly your flag and salute our armed forces, first responders, and community helpers.</p> 					

April 2020							Notes: The CDPOA Board meetings will continue to be conducted via ZOOM until further notice. Minutes will be emailed to the members of the POA and posted on the CDPOA website at <a href="http://www.cdpoa.com">www.cdpoa.com</a> .	June 2020						
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