



CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

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Welcome New Neighbors!

Mary & Chalmers Butler have moved into 600 Downs Loop. Mary hails from Texas, where she got a BA in Romance languages. She later completed a MA at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Mary enjoys teaching, especially French, as well as traveling. She plays the piano and has taken organ and hammered dulcimer lessons. Mary has spent countless hours volunteering at the SC Botanical Gardens and in her spare time enjoys reading, most often mysteries.

Chalmers grew up in Hartsville with a brief stint in Philadelphia. He earned BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering from Clemson and a PhD at the University of Wisconsin. Chalmers has been on the faculties of LSU, Ole Miss, and University of Houston before returning to Clemson to teach. He enjoys working with his hands and building things. While at Clemson, Chalmers has learned woodworking from two master woodworkers.

Mary and Chalmers moved to the Camelot subdivision in 1985. They have one son, Hardy, who graduated from Daniel High School and now lives in Chapel Hill with his family. Mary and Chalmers moved to Clemson Downs to downsize to one story. They knew the Downs “to be friendly, attractive, and peaceful” plus they have many friends already here. Welcome to you both!

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President’s Letter

Hope you are doing well even though we have had some cool weather recently.

I’m sure you are aware of the “Retire Well” comment on the sign at the entrance to our community. However, what you may not be aware of is that our properties appear to be unrestricted in terms of what ages of people can purchase or rent properties in Clemson Downs. The Restrictive Covenants and Bylaws do not seem to address an age restriction. This could mean that any person of legal age can purchase property here.

This fact has become a concern for your CDPOA Board in recent months as the prices of homes go higher and the availability of homes in the Clemson Area become increasingly scarce. Although your CDPOA Board will not support young families moving into Clemson Downs, the fact that we have a beautiful and pleasant neighborhood, live in an area known for good schools, and have access to parks nearby where children could play may provide the incentive for young families to attempt to purchase homes in Clemson Downs.

So, the Board has taken a project to research what we need to do to restrict purchase and residential occupancy in Clemson Downs to ages 55 and older. We will keep you apprised of our progress in the coming months. We may ask for help from individual members who may have requisite expertise as we move forward. Lastly, if we are successful in this effort, we will probably need your vote at the end of this year to change the Covenants and Bylaws, as necessary.

Please let the Board know if you have questions. Warmest regards, Denny Walling, President

January Board Meeting Highlights

- Keystone drainage ditch has recently been cleared.
- The city has finished improvements to the lower end of the Downs Blvd. median to improve water flow.
- Hosts are still needed for the First Friday gatherings. Contact Diana Manly to volunteer.
- March 1 is the deadline to pay your homeowner's fees before a penalty is charged each month.

ARC Reminders

The ARC would like to remind all residents that before you begin **any** exterior maintenance and/or hardscape project, you must first submit an application to ARC. The application must then be recommended by ARC and approved by the POA Board before work can begin. Application forms are available for download on our website at www.cdpoa.com. Click on *About CDPOA—Architectural Review—Architectural Review Request Form*.

Our Sympathies Go To

We send condolences to the family of **Bob Cooksey**, who recently moved from 505 Downs Loop to be closer to his family. Bob passed away January 3.

Many Clemson Downs friends and neighbors send condolences to Mel O'Day, 40 Hickory Way.

Andy O'Day passed away on January 3 doing one of the things he enjoyed—visiting his family and then coming home to the Downs. Andy will be missed!

Keystone Lane lost two wonderful neighbors this month. **Carolyn Fowler**, 1032 Keystone, passed away on January 13. Her friend and neighbor **Wanda Olson**, 1012 Keystone, passed away on January 21. We send our sympathies to Don Fowler and Harold Olson and their families.

Gloria Syme, formerly of 25 Downs Loop, passed away on January 26. We send condolences to her family.

Things to Remember

Blowing leaves onto common property

Please do not blow leaves from your yard onto common property. Our maintenance contract includes pick up of leaves on common property. But when individuals or their landscapers blow their leaves on to common property and our maintenance people have to pick them up numerous times, we will be billed an additional fee. This also includes the median along Downs Blvd. Excess leaves in the median clogs up drainage and can cause water problems for other homeowners.

Parking in the median

We have had a problem with contractors parking on our medians. The Downs median is a drainage ditch and must be kept open. Deep ruts on our medians are unsightly and cause erosion. Deep ruts on Downs Blvd. at the end of Downs Loop make it difficult for walkers to get off the road when cars are approaching. Please encourage any contractors working on your property to avoid parking in the median.

FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 ARC Mtg. 10 am Corley Ctr.	2  HAPPY groundhog DAY	3	4 CPC Mtg. 11 am Corley Ctr. First Friday 4-6 pm Corley Ctr.	5	
6	7	8 Board Mtg. 2 pm Jackson Rm.	9	10	11	12	
13	 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18	19	
20	 PRESIDENTS DAY	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	Happy Lunar New Year on February 1 st !				 HAPPY NEW YEAR THE YEAR OF THE TIGER	

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Notes:

The CDPOA Board meeting will be held at 2 pm in the Jackson Room opposite the CARC Dining Hall for this month only. At that time a decision will be made on the final time and meeting location for the remainder of the year.

March 2022

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