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Welcome New Neighbors!

Gary & Eunice Rowell have moved into 11 Birch Place. Gary was born, raised, and educated in Spartanburg. He has served in the US Navy on the USS Baltimore stationed in Boston. For 45 years he was a banker and finance employee. Eunice was an educator for 40 years in higher education, Braille education, and work for the Department of Corrections. She hails from Lamar, SC and holds a bachelor's degree from Lander, a master's from Winthrop, and a doctorate from Nova University. Gary & Eunice have two daughters, two sons-in-law, and two grandsons, all of whom are Clemson University alumni. Eunice and Gary are looking forward to being involved in their new neighborhood.

They moved to Clemson Downs from Greenwood because a daughter and her family live here in Clemson and recommended the area. "It's beautiful; the neighbors are so friendly; the grounds are so well kept; we love it!" Welcome, Gary & Eunice!

President's Letter

As you know, Ft. Hill Natural Gas Company sent letters to homeowners last year asking if any of them would be interested in having natural gas lines available to their homes. Twelve homeowners indicated that they would. Only ten positive indications were needed for the FHNGC to run gas lines into the Downs.

The CDPOA Board and CARC, INC. then were asked to give permission for those lines to cross both some of our Common Property and the CARC property at the entrance to the Downs. CARC gave permission but the Board wanted more information, so discussions have been held between the Board and the Company regarding line location. It turns out that our Common Property will be used only for several hundred feet in the area behind two or three houses on Keystone Lane. Those homeowners have agreed to that.

Later, we were given maps of the plan and asked to give approval for the project. Board members did not want to do that without input from our members, so we planned a Town Meeting to get that input and notified members of the time, date, location, and purpose. At that meeting around 90 % of those attending indicated that they wanted natural gas to be available here.

After further talks with Ft. Hill Gas personnel dealing with details that needed clarification from them, a vote was taken at the May Board meeting and approval was given. It will be three to six months before implementation of the plan begins. All lines will be buried on utility rights-of-way, except those running through CARC property and our Common Property. Drilling will go beneath driveways, sidewalks, steps, mailboxes, and shrubbery located on rights-of-way. If shrubbery is large there could be root damage. Once the installation begins, if you have concerns, please contact your Board Representative or me.

The Communication Needs Surveys that you completed within the last few months have all been turned in and we have begun to look at the raw data. Already we can see that our lines of communication will be strengthened by changes to be made based on your responses. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

We continue to make requests to the City of Clemson for additional streetlights to be placed in a few areas where we feel more illumination is needed. Our request for a double light pole across from 104 Downs Blvd. has been approved. All our requests go to Duke Energy via the City of

Clemson. Clemson Downs is not the client. The city of Clemson is the client, because all costs for installation and subsequent electricity usage are paid by the city and not by us. We are hoping that their 2019/2020 budget will include more of our requests.

Speaking of the City's budget, two other streets have been added to their repaving budget. In addition to Summer Walk, Kendra Place and Bayberry Lane have been added to work planned for this summer.

The garden house is open for the summer! Please see the revised reservation form attached to this edition of the *Communicator*.

Also, you will find in this edition the City of Clemson's Leash Law. Please read it carefully. It seems that most of those not following this law are not POA members but our neighbors from other subdivisions. If you see someone not keeping their animals on a leash and/or not picking up their "leavings," please speak with the owner. Our members and maintenance staff from POA and CARC do not enjoy stepping in fecal matter as they work on the property or having it fly in their faces when they are mowing the grounds.

As in previous letters to you, I ask you to read the minutes of each month's board meeting to keep up with the work that we are doing as your representatives. Also, please note that our monthly meetings are open to all POA members. We meet each month on the second Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the small conference room at the Corley Center.

Enjoy your summer and have safe travels.

POA 3rd Saturday Breakfasts

Breakfasts will resume on September 21 and meet in September, October and November.

September breakfast speaker will be Lewis Vaughn, who will speak about the Wall of Remembrance honoring Korean War veterans.

First Friday Get-Togethers

The First Friday Get-Togethers are from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Come join us for a fun time to get to know your neighbors and enjoy simple hors d'oeuvres. Please bring your drink and a finger food. Invite a neighbor who doesn't usually come and invite a new neighbor.

July Hosts Harry Sutton & Sandi Rosche

August Hosts Barbara Smith & Jan Gallaher

Information will be sent to you via e-mail to let you know exactly where the First Friday Get-Together is taking place—the Corley Center or the Gazebo. Directions to the Gazebo: Follow the sidewalk at the upper part of Downs Loop, just after you pass Birch Place or follow the sidewalk on the left just before the end of Birch Place.

Events Coming Up



The ARC meeting for July would normally be scheduled for Thursday, July 4. That date has been changed to Monday, July 8, at 2:00 pm in the Jackson Room.

SAVE THE DATE Our holiday dinner is scheduled for November 19. More details to follow but mark your calendar!

Our Sympathies Go To

We all send our sympathies to Fran Moseley, Downs Loop, in the loss on June 8th of her brother Bobby Cook, who lived on Hickory Way.

Condolences go to the family of Doris Daniel (formerly of Birch Place) who dies Monday, June 16.

Telephone Directory Corrections and Additions

Remember: You can find the most current edition of the directory online at our website: www.cdpoa.com. Click on Our Community—CDPOA Directory. You will need a password to access the directory—contact Linda Cocke at 654-5134 or 602leland@gmail.com to obtain the password. If your email address or phone number has changed, please contact Linda to update your contact information.

Corrections

Kitty Neckerman's email has changed; her new email is kittyneckerman21@gmail.com.

Wendy Longo's email has changed; her new email is wlongo1@yahoo.com.

Additions

Gary & Eunice Rowell, 11 Birch Place 864-993-2375 (Home) and 864-993-2374 (Cell); email: eunice8@earthlink.net and garyrowell@icloud.com.

Information

The Garden House at the Gazebo is now open. The Gazebo is available for events held by CDPOA members. Contact Ann Fuhr to reserve the Gazebo. Please see attached flyer for more information. The reservation form for use of the Gazebo on the reverse side of the flyer. Ann will review the guidelines for use including a limit of 60 people per event, no music players, finishing by 30 minutes after sunset, removing trash, returning tables and benches to their original positions. Guidelines are mentioned on the form.

The gazebo will still be available for impromptu use at any time, but the garden house will not be open. Ann Fuhr will post a sign stating when the gazebo will be reserved.

The last issue of the *Communicator* stated that the yard waste site has been closed. That is not true. Our apologies!

Because our covenants prohibit waste on our properties, the yard waste site has always been on CARC property and CARC has allowed us to use it. However, the site at the end of Bayberry is not on CARC property as we thought but is actually on CDPOA common property and on the conservation easement for Woodland Walk; these are both prohibited places.

CARC is working to prepare a permanent location for their waste. After the site is completed, we will discuss terms for their allowing use by the POA. We will keep you posted on a location for yard waste, but in the meantime, the site at the end of Bayberry will remain open.

Please remember that if you are loading your waste into your car or truck anyway, you can drive just 2.6 miles to the waste site at Clemson's Public Works facility. Turn left at the light just before Ingles and then straight ahead at the stop sign.

We would like everyone to know about an important City of Clemson ordinance that affects both yard waste and pet waste. Here is the ordinance: **Sec. 11-193. Waste disposal prohibitions.** *No person shall throw, deposit, leave, maintain, keep, or permit to be thrown, deposited, left, or maintained, in or upon any public or private property, driveway, parking area, street, alley, sidewalk, or component of the SMS4 any refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, pet fecal matter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, articles, and accumulations, so that the same may cause or contribute to pollution. Yard debris, including natural foliage, may be deposited in the public right-of-way but not in or on any stormwater conveyance structures, including inlets and gutters, but only if a collection service is available. Wastes in proper waste receptacles may be placed in the street for collection, but again only if collection by or through the city is in place. No waste or yard debris shall be placed in the street without such a collection service.*

\$275.00 Fine

What it means for you:

- Yard waste and pet fecal matter cause pollution every time it rains. The stormwater goes into the city's stormwater system and the ground water as well as adjacent streams and, ultimately, to Lake Hartwell, which is the source of our drinking water.
- Yard waste may be placed on the city easement but not in the street.
- Most streets in Clemson Downs have an easement, measured from the center of the street outwards to **your** lot.
- Yard waste may **NOT** be placed on the concrete tops of storm drains, near storm drains, or in drainage ditches.
- All pet owners must pick up fecal matter deposited outside by their pets (including cats).
- There are several stations within Clemson Downs that have bags available, or you can bring your own.
- **Each violation of this ordinance carries a fine of \$275.**
- You can report violations of this ordinance—take a picture, noting the day and time of the incident and the name of the person violating the ordinance, and send the information to city hall.

John Garton has completed a preliminary inventory of the many and diverse plants to be found along the Woodland Walk. Thank you, John! Take a moment to enjoy these wonders of nature.

HERBACEOUS SPECIES

(wildflowers, etc)

Bedstraw
Bluebells, Virginia
Blood Root
Celandine poppy
Christmas Fern
Crane fly orchid
Hog Peanut
Hosta *
Jack-in-the-pulpit
Japanese grass *
Jewel weed
May Apple
Monkey grass *
Polk Weed
Trillium

Prairie Trillium *
Faded Trillium
Violet, Common Blue
Yellow Wood Sorrel
Large Fern(?)

SHRUBS

Autumn Olive *
Azaleas, white and purple
Mahonia *
Mtn Laurel
Nandina *
Pawpaw

TREES

American beech
Elm (?)
Hackberry
Iron wood

Persimmon
Red Maple
River birch
Short leaf pine
Sweet gum
Sycamore
Willow oak
Yellow poplar
WOODY VINES

English ivy *
Japanese honeysuckle *
Virginia creeper

* species generally considered non-native to this area of SC

Things to Remember

- It's summer, and stinging insects are very active. Please check your mailbox and make sure that shrubs and vines are trimmed back. If a mail carrier feels there is a danger of being stung, he or she can refuse to deliver your mail.
- The goats are gone and will return in the fall to finish the job of removing underbrush. Hasn't it been fun seeing what they can accomplish in a short time, with no need for use of chemical sprays!

July 2019

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	1	2 Bistro Closed July 4 week	3 Bistro Closed July 4 week	Independence Day 	5 First Friday 4-6 pm Friday Movie 2 pm	6
7	8 ARC Meeting 2 pm NOTE - - - -	9 POA Board 2 pm Bistro Open 4-7 pm	10 Bistro Open 4-7 pm	11 Bistro Open 4-7 pm	12 Friday Movie 2 pm Corley Ctr.	13
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Don't Forget!

Your representative has visited you and left important documents and a business card. Call your representative first if you have any question or a concern—or a thank you!

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Mosquito fogging runs every other week on Thursdays through October, excluding July 4th. If you have any questions regarding this schedule, contact Mitchell Swaney at 653-2047.

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Breakfasts Return in September!

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The Garden House is Finished!



Work on the Garden House at the gazebo has been finished; steps are in place and will be stained to match the Garden House as soon as the wood has cured sufficiently. The facilities are available for use by those reserving and using the gazebo for events. The Garden House contains storage as well as a state-of-the-art bathroom facility with a toilet like those used by RVs and cabins without water or sewage connections. Interior motion-sensor solar lighting is installed.

The construction costs of the facility were to be covered by donations, but there is a deficit. There are still some costs that have not been covered. Thank you so much to those who have contributed.

If you would like to donate to the Garden House, please send or hand deliver your check, made out to CDPOA and marked *Donation for Garden House*, to the CDPOA mailbox at 500 Downs Loop, Clemson or contact Betty Jane Fourspring at 864-654-6297 to contribute to the fund. We have more to raise, so please consider making a donation. Any funds raised beyond the remaining costs will go to maintain and improve the Garden House (e.g., adding landscaping).

If you are interested in reserving the gazebo for a family or neighborhood event, please contact Ann Fuhr at 864-888-7321; she will give you a form to fill out and guidelines to follow. The Garden House is available to any CDPOA member who reserves the gazebo for an event. The gazebo will still be available for impromptu use at any time, but the garden house will not be open. Ann Fuhr will post a sign stating when the gazebo will be reserved.



Thank you to all who have contributed so far and a special thanks to those making a new contribution!



CLEMSON DOWNS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Reservation for Gazebo and Garden House

Requested date(s) _____

Requested time(s) _____

Person Requesting _____

Phone Number _____

Expected # of Guests _____

Notes _____

Please return to Ann Fuhr, 1017 Keystone Lane.
Return **one week** before event to allow time for cleaning. Thank you!

Please Remember:

- CDPOA assumes no responsibility or liability for accidents and/or personal injury to users.
- Person(s) using the Gazebo and Garden House are responsible for clean-up after the event. The person making the reservation must attend the event.
- All trash is to be removed from the site after use and disposed of properly. All tables and benches are to be returned to the original layout.
- Please keep attendance to 60 people or less in consideration of neighbors.
- All events are to be finished by 30 minutes after sunset.
- No sound systems or music systems are to be used.
- Any damage to the property is the responsibility of the user, not of the Clemson Downs Property Owners Association.