

EAST SHORELINES

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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

After taking over as President this summer from Jeff Li, the first thing I want to do is to thank Jeff for his service. We both came on the Owners Association in May of 2010, and Jeff was kind enough to serve as President immediately coming on board. I think we will all agree that he has done a great job serving our community. Jeff takes over as Vice President and continues his service on the ESOA in this capacity.

During my year on the ESOA I have been impressed with the 'working together' spirit of the members (Jeff, Mary Ann, Pat, and Dianne). It is truly a dedicated group who handle an amazing amount of regular (landscaping, power bills, clubhouse, pool, dues, etc) and ad hoc (HVAC, dock, roads, lighting, etc) items. Of course we are assisted by committee chairpersons, who also dedicate their time for the good of the community. (see next page for details). We have a great community and Sharon and I were lucky when we selected it as a place to "retire". I would point out that several ESOA board members are completing their three years of service next spring and we will be looking for new members. PLEASE consider volunteering to serve. The time commitment is very manageable (note that Jeff has a full time job in Greenville, was new to community, and had two knee surgeries, and yet found the time to serve as President. While Jeff is extraordinary, I hope this convinces people they too can find the time).

Over the past few months we have been able to replace a worn out exterior HVAC unit, sealcoat two of the private roads, add lighting at both entrances of East Shores, remove trees which were threatening common areas, mulch the second entrance, and make major repairs to the community dock. We have also seen Fort Hill Natural Gas run gas lines into East Shores One and Two.....more on that inside this newsletter. During this process, we learned the importance of having up to date information on how to reach several homeowners. Please make sure your information is current.

In closing, I am pleased to take my turn serving as your President and I hope that I can serve the association as well my predecessors.

Sincerely,

Steve Finger

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From the Owners Association

There have been two East Shores Board meetings since the last newsletter; one in April and another in July. Items discussed included community dock repairs, tree removal, maintaining the pool and clubhouse, natural gas installation, and payment of dues.

CAN YOU BE REACHED IN AN EMERGENCY?

When Fort Hill Gas was installing lines, we had trouble reaching several homeowners who were traveling or just had their information out of date. Please make sure the information on the ESOA Directory is complete and accurate. Also, adding a cell number and correct e mail is very useful. Any info that you'd like to keep more private, please advise and we will not publish it in the directory, but have the Secretary of the ESOA keep it for use if needed. We absolutely need your correct current address. Send updates/added info to Mary Ann Rice at marice10522@aol.com. Specify if you do not want the information published.

Natural Gas service to East Shores-
As reported in the last newsletter, several residents expressed interest in Fort Hill Natural Gas (FHNG) bringing gas service to East Shores. Fort Hill then conducted a survey to determine overall interest and found there was enough interest in Section 1 and 2 (Wynmere Way) to pursue the effort.

At the July ESOA board meeting residents were invited to attend and discuss this with representatives from FHNG. Several residents did attend. At the meeting representatives of Ft. Hill Gas explained that there was sufficient interest from residents and explained the process they would use.

The ESOA listened to homeowners and took the view that FHNG was providing a service to individual residents who want natural gas service and helping the overall property values of our community, by having it served by natural gas as well as electric. We advised Ft. Hill representatives that it was their responsibility to work with individual homeowners and minimize any disruption to the community.

As of press time for this newsletter, FHNG has completed running gas lines along the western (lake side) of Wynmere Way. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this activity.

Residents who have contracted with FHNG will have their homes connected over the coming weeks. Other residents who may be interested should contact the FHNG representative, Billy Grant at 864-850-7260. So far, Billy Grant and FHNG has been very responsive to homeowner concerns and if there are any additional items you need taken care of by FHNG, it is strongly suggested that you call or email Billy Grant. His e mail is: billy.grant@fhnga.com. (please cc Steve Finger at mitfinger@aol.com , so he'll be aware of the issue as well.)

Lights at the entrances:
At the March general meeting it was suggested that we get lights closer to the entrances. Turns out that there were Duke Energy poles at each entrance and we were able to get them to place street lights at each one (we do pay monthly light bill for

them). They should be a big help this winter highlighting the entrances on those early dark evenings.

Tennis courts lights are all working:

Sorry for the delay but we had trouble getting an electrician to come and fix the parking side lights. We were able to get the same electrician fixing the dock power to do the job (the wiring underground had deteriorated and shorted out. New wiring and junction boxes "to code" were installed). Anyway, the tennis courts are now open for play day and night!

Our Community

Kevin and Jessica Christenbury have a new baby girl!! Tuesday night, August 9, 2011 at 11:34 p.m. a precious little girl was born named Rosalee Janie Christenbury. Baby Christenbury was 6 lbs, 11 ounces and 20 inches long. We look forward to watching Rosalee grow up with all of us!!

Charles and Dianne Holstead's second grandson, Andrew Paul, was born in early April. Their son, David, is currently serving his second tour in Iraq as a MAJ in the Army. Melissa and the boys will remain at West Point, NY during this deployment.

Steve and Sharon Finger have a fifth grandchild (fourth grandson) born in late April. His name is Donovan, and he lives in Marietta, Ga. with his parents and two brothers.

IT TAKES AN EAST SHORES VILLAGE

The Millwards, Banholzers, Mayberries, Rices, Judy Benson, Dianne Holstead and Judy Bliss hiked the sides of Highway 130 in July picking up 9 bags of trash, about 135 pounds. Thanks for your dedication in keeping the roads around East Shores clean!! The next trash pick up date is Oct 15 at 9am. Mark your calendars!

The Billy Rice and Rick Hamilton forestry service stepped in and removed two pine trees that blew over in the island going into the clubhouse area. Thank you both for clearing the road so quickly after the storm!

The community pool will close by the end of September. The exact timing depends upon the weather. If the weather stays warm, we will keep the pool open for the whole month. The goal is to close the pool before the leaves fall. Many thanks to Jeff Li for keeping the pool in shape for us this year!

Reminders: Do not bring glassware of any kind into the pool. Please lock the gate when you leave. The gate has repeatedly been left open and this can lead to serious consequences for ES owners. Children under 18 are to be accompanied by an adult.

From the Dockmaster— Repairs on the community dock were made last winter and spring, but were limited by total funding. The decision was made not to have a special assessment, but wait until dues were collected for further repairs. This summer an electrical short was discovered which made the dock unsafe (electrical current could flow from the water to the dock!) All power was turned off to the dock and extensive electrical repairs were made including replacing all wiring, adding grounding circuit breakers at the dock, replacing all electrical receptacles, and adding a motion sensing spot light at the entrance to the dock. The entire dock is now consistent with code requirements.

There is still a need to replace/convert main dock boards from lengthwise to cross wise to better withstand the up and down motion of the dock. This will be accomplished as funds permit during the rest of the year.

Reminder: East Shores community dock boat owners-- please properly secure your boats, to prevent any damage to those boats as well as to the new decking installed on the community docks.

Calendar of Events

10/20/11 Dallas Brass 8PM - tickets \$20
Brooks Center Clemson

11/14/11 Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company
Brooks Center Clemson
8PM - tickets \$30

11/28/11 Ricky Skaggs Family Christmas
Brooks Center Clemson
8PM - tickets \$35

In addition to the programs listed, there are many more performances scheduled at the Brooks Center during the months of September thru December. Some of the performances offer free admission. For additional information contact Marcia Banholzer (888-2127) or the Box Office (656-7787).

CHARITY CORNER

Charles Holstead collects newspapers and aluminum cans for **Collins Children's Home**. If people are willing to save them, they can call him (888-3461) when they have a bag and he is happy to come by and pick them up or they can drop them by his house at their convenience.

Collins Home has been helping children and families for 28 years in a loving, caring Christian environment. This is done through a residential program on campus as well as counseling and other services as each family may require. Collins Home is not about taking children away from their families – instead, they work with families through an established plan to help rehabilitate families or educate them through skills training and tools so they can live together in a healthy home environment. Collins Home & Family Ministries depends on volunteers to serve as mentors, tutors, grounds maintenance workers (any time available), playground maintenance workers, carpenters, electricians, painters, Spring/Fall cleaning assistants, cooks, basic repair workers, plumbers, office assistants, network repair/maintenance, website design and upkeep, and foster homes. Collins Home is a 501 c (3) charity, donations are needed and should be sent to 100 Collins Home Drive, Seneca, SC 29678
Contact: Alena Pelfrey or 882-0893 or or apelfrey@collinschildrenshome.org