

EAST SHORELINES

East Shores Owners Association, Inc. P.O. Box 1844 Seneca, SC 29678
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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

First, a heartfelt thank you to Steve Finger and Jeff Li for serving on the East Shores Owners Association Board! It takes everyone in the community to step up and contribute their time and effort to keeping East Shores one of the premier communities on Lake Keowee. Those who have served in the past know the dedication these two have committed over the last three years.

And a welcome to our two new board members, Kevin Christenbury and Sydnie Horton!

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What does the ESOA Board have on their agenda for this year? There are two major efforts that will be the focus:

- A. A couple of years ago a team of Paul Benson, Rick Clarke and Walter Dahl reviewed the East Shores Covenants and made recommendations on changes. The board will be reviewing these changes in preparation for bringing them to vote by the property owners.
- B. A long term prioritized project plan will be developed to ensure we are prepared for current and future needs of the community. At the annual meeting a list for further analysis was started. This included 1) Build walkway/steps from the back clubhouse deck to the side clubhouse deck to provide access from the clubhouse deck to the pool and lake level; 2) General refurbishment of the upper decks; 3) Epoxy finish for the pool deck surface possibly with a commercial grade finish; 4) Tennis court surface; 5) Roof of clubhouse; 6) Deck and pool furniture replacement. Let me know if you have other input.

If anyone has input or questions on the activities of the ESOA Board please feel free to contact me. Enjoy spring on Lake Keowee and with warmer weather we look forward to seeing neighbors out and about more often.

Lyn Hamilton

ESOA President

ESOA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President Lyn Hamilton
Vice President Kevin Christenbury
Secretary Dianne Holstead
Treasurer Lamar Hilley
At Large/Pool Sydnie Horton

Adopt-A Highway: Lyn Hamilton

Architecture Control Committee:
Bill Banholzer (chair)
Danielle Dahl
Tammy Dolfis

Dock Chairman: Dick Millward

Social Committee: Marcia Banholzer (chair)
Judy Bliss
Cuddle Millward
Frankie Witmer

Nominating Committee: Paul Benson
Jim Hampton

Shoreline Newsletter:
Editors Steve/Sharon Finger
Reporters: Judy Benson
Lyn Hamilton
Marcia Banholzer

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President Role (Lyn Hamilton):

- Supervise and control the management of the Association
- Call and preside at ESOA meetings
- See that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out
- Sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments
- Co-sign checks and promissory notes
- Handle special issues brought up by home/lot owners
- Interface with key committees (Arch.; Dock; Social, etc)

Vice President role: (Kevin Christenbury):

- Serve as President when President is not available
- Discharge other duties as assigned by the Board-specifically:
 - Serve as liaison with Mountain Lakes Community Assoc. and Advocates for Quality Development
 - Manage Landscaper
 - Oversee clubhouse

Secretary role: (Dianne Holstead):

- Collect ballots, record votes and keep and publish meeting minutes
- Keep the corporate seal of the association and affix to all papers requiring it
- Provide notice of meetings
- Maintain HOA records
- Maintain current "roster" of home/lot owners information; publish annually
- Handle requests for covenant exemptions (parking etc)

Treasurer role: (Lamar Hilley):

- Receive and deposit in appropriate accounts all monies of the ESOA
- Disburse finds as directed by the ESOA board
- Keep proper books of account and maintain financial records
- Cause an annual audit to be conducted by a public accountant
- Send out, collect and deposit twice a year dues
- Interface with banks and maintain bank accounts
- Prepare and report financial status (budget and statement of income and expenditures) at ESOA meetings and annual meeting

At large member role: (Sydnie Horton):

- Participate as a voting member of ESOA
- Perform duties as assigned by ESOA including:
 - Handle Swimming Pool
 - Keep track of and manage keys to clubhouse, storage area and pool baths
 - Manage lock codes to pool, tennis courts and clubhouse

From the Owners Association

The East Shores Owners Association Annual Meeting was held March 12th.

There were twenty seven owners in attendance. Topics covered included:

Election of New ESOA members: Thanks to Jim Hampton and Paul Benson for serving on the Nominating Committee. Through their efforts Kevin Chrisenbury and Sydnie Horton agreed to be nominated and were unanimously elected to replace outgoing members Steve Finger and Jeff Li.

Landscaping: Lyn Hamilton has negotiated a new contract. She and Cuddle Millward have communicated the expectations of the community regarding pruning and maintenance and a lot of work has been done to improve the front entrances. Our thanks to both Lyn and Cuddle (and to Bill Banholzer for fixing the lights at the ES1 entrance).

Community Pool: Jeff Li reported that the pool will open on Saturday, May 4th of this year. A push button lock will be installed on the bathroom doors, eliminating the need for a key. The code will be the same as the clubhouse code. The condition of the pool decking was also discussed. Lamar Hilley volunteered to help put down a new sealer/paint. Jeff will talk with Jeff Johnson, the pool maintenance man, for suggestions as to a product to use. Please contact Jeff Li (882-8882) or Lamar (882-1599) if you would be willing to help with the pool deck resurfacing work.

New path to pool and dock: Based on suggestions from last year's meeting and the general deterioration and safety concerns with the old pathway, a committee, comprised of board members and Bill Banholzer, analyzed various concepts for fixing/upgrading the path from the parking lot to the pool and dock. They reviewed bids from 8-10 contractors with various concepts and ultimately contracted the work to Outdoor Escapes. The concrete work has been completed and it is really a terrific aesthetic improvement that also helps safety and allows much greater access to the pool and dock. There is a little remaining work to move path lights, repair the old stone landing, and final

landscaping. This should be done before the pool opens.

Treasurer's Report: Lamar Hilley provided an Account Summary, YTD Income, 2012 Expenditures and a proposed budget for 2013. Additionally he provided a monthly breakdown of reoccurring and miscellaneous expenses for ESOA. Lamar reported that 100% of the annual assessments to date have been paid and that there was a surplus in 2012 (being used to fund the new path project). As a general rule our annual expense and annual collections come out about even. The Association does have around \$26,000 available in the CD and Money Market for emergency funds.

From the Dockmaster: Dick Millward reported on the Dock projects stating that they had removed the center section of the composite material and turned it to create a more stable surface. He stated that all projects are now complete and no new ones are planned unless there are unforeseen problems or acts of nature.

With boating season resuming we ask all boat owners to be especially careful and considerate. Please respect areas around docks and coves as many residents swim, kayak, float, etc. Also realize that noise from your boat/dock carries quite a distance and will be heard by everyone in the cove area.

Social committee/Annual Beach Party: Marcia Banholzer spoke for the Social Committee consisting of herself, Judy Bliss, Cuddle Millward, and Frankie Witmer. The group voted to continue with the Annual Beach Party to be held on the beaches of the Bliss and Hamilton lots. This date and time selected is May 25th. See details below in upcoming event section.

Highway clean up report: On March 29th the highway clean up volunteers collected 240 pounds of trash, including part of tire. Thanks to Lyn Hamilton, Chris and Mark Torres, Katy and Rick Clarke, Bill and Pat Davidson, Dick and Cuddle Millward, and Judy Benson and her daughter. The next clean up will be in June. Lyn will send an e mail with exact date.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

Kevin and Jessica Christenbury are counting the days until their baby boy arrives. Walker is scheduled to arrive on April 25. Rosalee is looking forward to being a big sister to Walker.

Nancy and Bob Fisher have been busy with wedding planning. Their daughter Tori was married to Jonathan Davis on January 4th. The couple will make their home in Lakeland, Florida. Son, Bo, will be getting married next February.

Three East Shores residents participated in the Seneca Half-Marathon on March 16. Judy Bliss, Rick Hamilton and Dianne Holstead finished 13.1 miles with Judy first and Dianne third in their age groups. Congratulations on this accomplishment!

Welcome new neighbors-

Scott and Karen Brown - They have 2 young children and hope to move in about a month, He is an orthopedic doctor. Karen is looking for other children in the neighborhood.

Chris and Mark Torres - They moved here from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan to East Shores last November. They've really enjoyed the mild southern winter, the hospitality of their East Shores neighbors, and the natural beauty and numerous activities in the Seneca area. They both enjoy traveling; attending concerts, movies, and plays; reading; boating; hiking; card playing; and sporting events. They occasionally play golf and tennis, but are definitely in the "beginner" category.

Chris and Mark have been married for 35 years. They attended the same high school in Michigan, but didn't start dating until they were in college. This is surprising since Mark went to Michigan State and Chris went to the University of Michigan—two schools with a rivalry similar to Clemson and the University of South Carolina.

Chris worked at Ford Motor Company for 30 years in a variety of finance management positions located in the Detroit area and in London, England. Mark worked as a tax manager at Plante Moran. Their 23 year old daughter Laura is an aspiring musical theater actress living in Manhattan, New York City.

Chris and Mark look forward to getting to know all of their East Shores neighbors and feel deeply privileged to live in such a friendly and beautiful community.

Neighborhood watch: Although we decided not to have a formal program, we did get a briefing

from the Sheriff's office last year which reminded us that being 'nosy neighbors' was one of the best security measures for a community. In that light, Jeff Li reports that he had noticed a boat moving suspiciously around his cove recently. He made his presence known and proceeded to try to take a picture of the boat. The driver of the boat turned it around so Jeff could not see the decals or numbers. The boat then quickly left the cove.

If you see anything that is not 'normal' for the community report it by calling

638-4111 (or 911)

The sheriff's office will respond typically in 6-7 minutes.

Please respect the quiet of your neighbors this summer- The subject of neighborhood noise came up again at our annual meeting; in particular disturbances on docks. With the summer approaching we ask that everyone respect the peace and quiet of our community.

As a reminder the city of Seneca has an ordinance which prohibits disturbances after 11 pm and our own bylaws specify nothing shall be done "that will cause any noise that will or might disturb the peace and quiet of the occupants of surrounding property". Last year the ESOA adopted a policy asking neighbors to refrain from fireworks or other loud disturbances after 10 pm, except on the actual July 4th (where fireworks should not go beyond 11pm).

Street Lights- From time to time street lights go out. The ESOA tries to monitor the lights and get them fixed, but if one near you isn't working you can contact Duke Power at 800-777-9898. When prompted press 1, then press 4 and tell the person who answers the address nearest the light which isn't working. They will give you a tracking number and fix it within three days.

Upcoming Events:

East Shores Beach Party Date is Set

The East Shores Beach Party is becoming a tradition. At the recent Annual Meeting it was voted to, once again, hold a Spring/Summer Social in the form of a Beach Party.

The Beach Party date for 2013 will be Saturday, May 25th. Yes, it is the Saturday of Memorial Weekend but those who attended the

meeting felt the date was good. So mark your calendars. Festivities will begin at 5PM and will take place on the beach between the Bliss and Hamilton residences. Accessibility is best from the Hamilton's driveway.

As in the past two years, barbecue from the Smoking Pig in Pendleton will be served. All residents will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert, as well as whatever beverage they want to drink. Bottled water will be provided.

We will need to have an accurate head count of party attendees. As the date draws near, you will be contacted to find out if you, your family and/or guests will be able to attend and also what food item you'll be bringing.

Past beach parties have been lots of fun and a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbors. Do mark your calendars for this kick off to the Summer season.

Community Bulletin Board

Following are the end of school year concerts being held at the **Brooks Center** for Performing Arts at Clemson University.

April 16-Clemson **Concert & Symphony Bands** perform at Brooks Center. Tickets \$8 - available at the Brooks Box Office - 8PM

April 18-Clemson **University Singers** perform in concert. Tickets \$8 - available at the Brooks Box Office - 8PM

April 21-**Dept. of Performing Arts "Pops" Concert** - held at Patrick Square. Tickets \$25 tent / \$10 lawn available at Brooks Box Office - 5PM

April 23-**CU Women's and Men's Glee**. Tickets \$8 - available at Brooks Box Office - 8PM

April 26-**CU Percussion Ensemble & CU Steel Band**. Tickets \$8 - available at Brooks Box Office - 8PM

May 4th-The Clemson Child Development Center will be hosting a **Mother-Daughter Tea** and Fashion show at 3 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Clemson, SC. Adults: \$25, Children under 12: \$10, Dolls: Free; tickets call: 985-1849 Reserve a table, invite your friends, and enjoy

an afternoon of entertainment while supporting the Clemson Child Development Center.

May 5-**Foothills Chorale Spring Concert - With A Song In My Heart**. Newton Hobson Chapel & Fine Arts Center - Southern Wesleyan Univ. Central, SC - 3PM. Tickets available at door or contact Marcia at 888-2127.

May 25 - **East Shores Beach Party** - 5PM. Barbecue will be served. Neighbors and Guests welcome. Bliss/Hamilton Beach

Charity Corner-

The Golden Corner Food Pantry- provides emergency and supplemental food for temporary relief until people can get back on their feet (emergency) or for those who need occasional help in getting by (supplemental). Clients qualify for food if their gross household income is less than 150% of the Federal poverty level, or if they are unemployed or disabled.

With a 17% increase in clients last year and one of the county large employers Covidien closing operations, the Food Pantry is transitioning through a difficult period of increased demand and higher food costs. In 2012, for the first time in many years, we did not raise enough funds to cover our costs resulting in reduced food inventory.

One question donors ask is whether we are making a difference in helping people so that they NO LONGER need our services. A review of client data suggests that we are. About 60% of clients registered since 2010 either no longer come or come only a few times per year. These clients were unemployed when they came but have since found work, or are employed but at low paying jobs who need help occasionally in the event of an emergency, or who otherwise no longer qualify for food.

We do have about 1000 client households who do come regularly. These clients are seniors, others on Disability or are unemployed but unable to find work. For the unemployed we require them to get a 'referral' letter each month from "SC Works" (South Carolina Unemployment office) certifying they are actively looking for work. We also help clients find other support organizations in Oconee County including information on services for job training, medical help, etc. *Donations may be made*

*to Golden Corner Food Pantry, PO Box
456, Seneca, SC 29679*

