

# The Heron

April 17, 2016



*Newberry County on Lake Greenwood*

## Upcoming Election

You did your civic duty. You voted in the primary election for a presidential candidate. So, that's it until the general election in November. WRONG! There is an election on June 14 and a possible run-off on June 28, 2016. This election will determine the Democrat and Republican Candidates for the South Carolina House of Representatives. The surviving candidates will face-off in the November General Election.

For many years Walton McLeod (D) represented our precinct in Columbia. Mr. McLeod decided not to run for reelection and will vacate his seat this year. There are two Democrats, Craig Kesler and Carlton Kinard, and two Republicans, David Koon and Richard Martin, running to represent this precinct in the legislature.

There are many ongoing issues before the state legislature that will directly affect our quality of life. For example:

- ◆ Taxes and Spending overall.
- ◆ Fuel taxes in particular.
- ◆ Road Maintenance.
- ◆ Refugee resettlement in South Carolina.
- ◆ Transgender restroom legislation.
- ◆ And many other matters.

**Consider who you believe will best represent the interests of our community and vote on June 14 at the Chappells Fire House.**

## Annual POA Meeting

The Summerset/Windmill Property Owners Association will meet on April 30, 2016, 4:00 P.M. at the Chappells Fire House. This is the association's annual membership meeting.

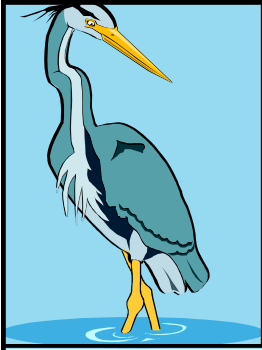
The goal of the annual meeting is to bring to the attention of members any current issues that could affect the community. Chairmen of the various committees will report on activities over the last year and the treasurer will report on the financial status of the organization. Most importantly, it is an opportunity for the board to hear membership concerns and suggestions.

The term of office for two board members is ending this year and the membership will vote to fill those seats. The incumbents are Ed LaRoche and Lou Rosenthal. Both men have agreed to continue their service. No other nominations evident, the ballot will provide members with the opportunity to write in names for this election. In fact, it is quite appropriate to write in your own name.

The business portion of the meeting is always followed by a social gathering and refreshments. In the past, Mr. & Mrs. Higdon have generously hosted this meeting. They provided a venue and the refreshments. The board and members owe sincere thanks to the Higdons for their years of outstanding service.

This year we will meet at the Chappells Fire House. Gene Mayer is coordinating covered-dish refreshments. He is amply aided by Ed LaRoche.

**Thank you gentlemen.**



**Summerset / Windmill POA**  
**2016 Annual Meeting Agenda**  
***Saturday April 30th, 2016***  
***4:00 PM***  
**Chappells Fire House**

Introduction of Guests & Current Board Members

2016 Election of New Board Members

New Attendee's / Property Owners Introductions

Reading of Minutes: 2015 Annual Meeting (Shelley Grund)

Treasurer's Report: (Ed LaRoche)

Secretary's Report: (Shelley Grund)

Guest Speakers:

Chappells Fire Chief: Mike Engemann

Candidates for SC House of Representatives:

Carlton Kinard (D)  
David Koon (R)  
Craig Kesler (D)  
Rick Martin (R)

Committee Reports:

**ACC**

**Landscaping**

**Mowing**

**Communication**

**Lou Rosenthal**

**Jim Smith**

**Roy Mendelsohn**

**Gene Mayer**

Old Business

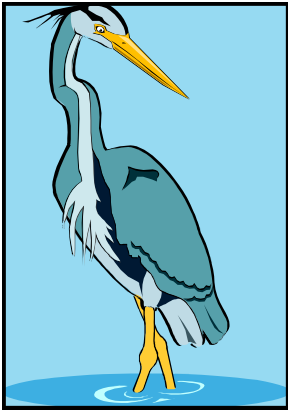
New Business

Adjourn

Social: Food & Refreshments

**Please RSVP by April 22**

**Gene Mayer at 864-558-1245 or [genecmayer@verizon.net](mailto:genecmayer@verizon.net)**



Summerset / Windmill POA

# Election Ballot

For

Board of Directors

Vote for Two:

Lou Rosenthal

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Ed LaRoche

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Write in Candidates:

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**\*\*This is a two (2) year term above for each elected board member.**

Please mark your ballot and mail to:

*Summerset / Windmill POA*

*P.O. Box 532*

*Cross Hill, SC 29332*

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Please indicate "BALLOT" on your return envelope

(Kindly return your ballot prior to April 28, 2016 or bring to our Annual Meeting.)

## Roads and Taxes

There is no question that South Carolina roads and bridges are in a serious state of decay. Our own

County Line Road is a prime example. There are at least two options to increase funding for repairs. The first option would draw funds from the state budget surplus. The second option would increase the taxes at the pump.

This year the state legislature has committed to spend four hundred million dollars from the budget surplus as a one-time expenditure for road repairs. The projected state budget surplus is in excess of \$1.2 billion. Of course, a large portion of the surplus is rightly dedicated to improving the state's substandard education system.

This all begs the question "should the state go year to year with the uncertainty of surplus available for infrastructure or should the state increase the gas tax and provide a dedicated stream of funding for roads and bridges?"

Consider these points:

1. Does the South Carolina Department of Transportation need serious restructure to avoid waste and corruption?
2. Should any tax increase be contingent on restructure of the DOT?
3. Are existing rates of fuel taxes adequate if spent properly?
4. Will an increase in gas taxes simply provide a slush fund for pet projects?
5. Are year by year allocations from the general fund surplus too uncertain?

**Closer to home, County Line Road is still in disrepair. The temporary patches met all of our expectations to be just that, temporary. The Heron continues to anticipate road resurfacing as discussed with Senator Cromer. The senator indicated that the road would be fixed by the end of the fiscal year.**

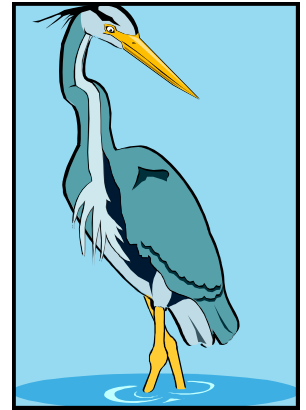
*(see photos, page 6)*

Everyone in the community saw and commented on the beautifully decorated entrance sign for the Christmas Holiday. Many questions were raised as to who deserved thanks for this celebration of the season.

The Heron has identified those kind souls as Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mayer.

**Thanks for lifting our Christmas Spirits.**

Summerset/Windmill POA  
Board Meeting March 10, 2016  
Chappells Station #10



- ❖ Harry Greisser presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.
  - Board Members Present: Harry Greisser, Shelley Grund, Ed LaRoche, Lou Rosenthal and Larry Sartori
  - Guests Present: Don Eckrich.
- ❖ Reading of the Minutes/Secretary Report waived and approved.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report was provided.
  - ◆ Balance as of January 29, 2015: \$14,936.74; Available cash: \$6,154.40. Approved.
  - ◆ 63 paid members, with dues receipts of \$6,650.00
- ❖ Newsletter – Harry Greisser: THE HERON to be published April 17, 2016. All articles to be submitted by April 8th . ([h.greisser@gmail.com](mailto:h.greisser@gmail.com) / 864-992-3090)
- ❖ Committees:
  - ACC – Lou Rosenthal: no new applications
  - Mowing – Roy Mendelsohn – no report
  - Landscaping Larry Sartori:
    - Pruning has been done on evergreens and crepe myrtles.
  - Communications: Gene Mayer – no report
- ❖ Old Business:
  - Mower – Members of the board will meet with Roy Mendelsohn to discuss a plan of action to help resolve concerns.
  - County Line Road – Harry Greisser: Still expect the road to be repaved by the end of the fiscal year.
  - Capital Project – The water line to Summerset Bay was not approved as part of the project. Harry Greisser will get the list of those projects that were approved.
  - POA Annual Meeting – April 30, 2016, Chappells Station
    - Business Meeting 4:00 pm
      - Ed LaRoche and Lou Rosenthal positions are expiring. They are willing to continue, but nominations for replacements are welcome.
      - Volunteers are needed for mowing!
    - Speaker: Rick Martin, candidate for SC House of Representatives - Newberry County
    - Refreshments: the main meal will be catered. Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish/salad/deserts
- ❖ New Business
  - Security Cameras for the area are being considered. Lou Rosenthal will check with the police on recommendations.
- ❖ Meeting was adjourned, 7:55 P.M.
- ❖ Next meeting: April 30, 2016, “Annual Meeting” Chappells Station #10

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**PO Box 532      Cross Hill, SC 29332**



***SAMPLE PHOTOS OF THE  
 POT HOLES ON  
 COUNTY LINE ROAD***

**Treasurer's Report**

*by Ed LaRoche*

Balance as of November 30, 2016	\$11,204.40
Deposits	
Dues	\$4,500.00
Total	\$4,500.00
Disbursements-	
Mower Service	\$ 208.14
Stamps, Envelopes, Copies	\$ 64.52
Balance as of January 29, 2016	\$14,936.74
Pending Deposits:	
Dues	\$1,050.00
Pending Disbursements:	\$ 0.00
Mower Replacement Contingency	\$4,000.00
2016 Estimated Contingency	\$5,832.34
Available Cash (after contingencies)	\$6,154.40

**POA Meetings: 2016**  
**Chappells Fire House**

- April 30 Gen'l Mtg.    -4:00 P.M.
- June 9 Bd. Mtg.      -7:00 P.M.
- Sept. 8 Bd. Mtg      -7:00 P.M.
- Dec. 8 Bd. Mtg.      -7:00 P.M.

**NEW MEMBER FORM**

If you are not now a member and would like to join your neighbors in making Summerset/Windmill a great community please fill out this form and send with a check for \$100 to the return address of the newsletter.

**NAME:**

**DEVELOPMENT:**

**Lot # or local address:**

**Mailing Address if different:**

**Telephone No.**

**Check Enclosed**