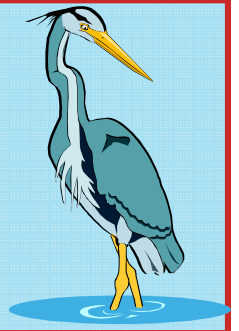


# The Heron

January 26, 2016



*Newberry County on Lake Greenwood*

## Primary Elections

Next month, you will have the opportunity to vote in the South Carolina Primary Elections. As always, it's important that you make your voice heard. As an early primary election state, your vote carries a significant weight in determining the nomination for presidential candidates.

**Republican Primary: Saturday, February 20**

**Democrat Primary: Saturday, February 27**

The polling place will again be the Chappells, Fire House from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. You can vote in either primary but not both. To vote, you must be registered and have one of the following:

- ◆ Voter Registration Card
- ◆ Driver's License
- ◆ DMV issued ID Card

## County Line Road

Recent issues of The Heron have highlighted the poor condition of County Line Rd. and have elicited the interest of Senator Cromer. As previously reported, Sen. Cromer indicated that problems coordinating Newberry and Laurens Counties with the SC-DOT have interfered with getting action that would result in a resurface of this lake community access road. However, he confirms that work will be complete by this summer, the end of the fiscal year.

At the time we discussed the matter in 2015, Sen. Cromer was confident that with a state budget surplus of \$500million dollars, the funding would be available to get the work done. More recently it appears that in 2016 there is \$1 billion in additional revenue and Gov. Haley has designated \$350 million for roadwork. It may be too soon to be optimistic but we may actually have an improved County Line Rd. by July, 2016.

## Penny Sales Tax

Every six years the voters of Newberry County decide if they want a one cent sales tax to fund a number of specific enumerated capital projects. Once again, at the general election in November 2016 you will have the opportunity to vote to continue the additional one cent sales tax.

From the Newberry County, SC: News List-

“The capital project sales tax (“CPST”) is a penny sales tax that was first approved by Newberry County voters in 1998. It has been in effect continuously since that time, having been renewed by the voters in 2004 and 2010. For much of two decades, the CPST has been an ongoing source of funding for many valuable improvements in Newberry County, including those pertaining to fire protection, water and sewer infrastructure, technical education, libraries, and recreation.”

Project ideas were submitted in October, 2015. The Heron will publish the list of approved capital projects when it becomes available. However, one relevant project has been disapproved. Bryan Alvarez presented a proposal to extend the water line from Route 39 down toward our community. The Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority (NCWSA) Board rejected the proposal and would not support funding through the “penny sales tax”.

Although the residents of Summerset/Windmill developments already have paid to drill individual wells and so would realize little benefit from a county water supply, the expansion of the water lines could provide for fire-hydrants and thus lower insurance premiums.

You will need to evaluate the remaining capital projects and determine how you will vote on the sales tax referendum in November.

## Editor's Note

By Harry Greisser

A local politician, South Carolina State Representative for Laurens and Greenwood, Mike Pitts, recently made national news by proposing legislation requiring journalists and other media persons to register and be licensed by the state. The resultant uproar from news reporters was overwhelming and **expected**. Rep. Pitts intended to demonstrate the bias in conventional media perspective between the first and second amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

The first ten amendments of the constitution, referred to as the Bill Of Rights, are less an affirmative statement of citizen rights, than they are a set of restrictions on government, disallowing any abridgement of citizens inalienable rights. The founders made clear that these rights did not come from government and government could not restrict them. In Amendment I, it states "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." In Amendment II, it states "...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

At one time, elementary school teachers taught a subject called "civics". When teaching about Amendment II, they did not give hunting, gun collecting or even personal protection as the reason the founders put this amendment so high on the list; right after free speech. They taught that the founders determined that the best protection against a tyrannical government was an armed citizenry.

Just as a robust military is a deterrent against foreign aggression, so also is an armed citizenry a restraint on government overreach and that is the real but unstated reason that "big government politicians" always want more "gun control".

## Men's Breakfast

By Jim Smith

### Men's Breakfast – Join Us

Each month, the third Thursday, at 8:00 AM, men from the greater Summerset Bay area get together at the Country Café, also known as the Mennonite Bakery Café, for breakfast. This is a loosely organized event open to all the men in this area. We commit to buying breakfast for anyone present who has a birthday in the current month. We sometimes ask for a dollar from those showing up to fund the birthday breakfasts; when we get too much money, we don't take a collection. You'll generally get several benefits in joining us such as:

1. Supporting the local economy. (The ladies at the bakery genuinely look forward to us showing up.)
2. Getting a good breakfast, including a relatively free breakfast on your birthday.
3. Meeting with friends and neighbors.

**Come when you can, hope to see you there; bring your friends, relatives, neighbors. If you'd like to be put on an Email "reminder" list, contact Jim Smith 998-4089 or 993-9096.**

### POA Membership

**As you know, the Summerset/Windmill POA is a voluntary organization depending on the good will of property owner members to exist. The board of the POA wants to thank those members who have just joined or have renewed their membership for 2016. As similar home owners associations go, the annual fee is a relatively nominal amount, just \$100.**

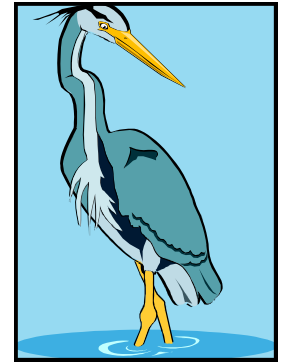
**Past issues of The Heron have listed the many benefits accrued to the community by having this association. We will not repeat them here. Suffice it to say, the POA has only one goal, to establish community well-being by caring for the neighborhood upkeep and by being your voice with other organizations and with government.**

**At this point 53 property owners have joined or renewed membership. The treasurer is following-up on folks who may have postponed or simply forgotten over the busy holiday season. Past experience tells us that a number of owners wait until after the first of the new year to send a check. Please be reminded how important it is for you to participate in community affairs and to belong to the POA.**

**(See Membership form on page 4.)**

## POA Board Minutes by Shelley Grund

Summerset/Windmill POA  
Board Meeting December 10, 2015  
Chappells Station #10



V Harry Greisser presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Ø Board Members Present: Harry Greisser, Shelley Grund, Ed LaRoche, and Larry Sartori

Ø Guests Present: Georgetta Eckrich, Gene Mayer, Roy Mendelsohn

v Reading of the Minutes/Secretary Report – Shelley Grund. Minutes were read and approved

v Treasurer's Report was provided and attached to the minutes. Balance as of November 30, 2015: \$11,204.40; Available cash: \$10,019.49. Approved.

v Newsletter – Harry Greisser: THE HERON to be published January 24, 2016. All articles to be submitted by January 16<sup>th</sup>. (h.greisser@gmail.com / 864-992-3090) Gene Mayer will send out an email to members soliciting articles.

v Dues Notices –Ed LaRoche will continue the Membership Drive. Reminders will go out in February and March.

v Greenwood Lake – Roy Mendeldsohn:

Ø Greenwood owns the lake

Ø DNR monitors the flora and fauna in and around the lake

Ø FERC is the agency that uses the lake to produce energy

Ø US Fish and Wildlife agency monitors the wildlife in and around the lake

v Committees:

Ø ACC – Jim Smith: no new applications

Ø Mowing – Roy Mendelsohn:

§ A letter is going out to “Bad Boy” to ask for a response to our complaints

§ Mowing will begin again in April

Ø Landscaping Larry Sartori:

§ Balance of Landscaping 2015 budget will be rolled over to 2016.

Ø Communications: Gene Mayer

§ Gene Mayer will take over the email and website

§ Social event update: 30+ attended

v Old Business:

Ø County Line Road – Harry Greisser: State Senator Ron Cromer stated the road would be repaved by the end of the year. The end of the year for the county is the end of the “fiscal year” – this occurs in the summer.

Ø EMS Response – no report

v New Business

Ø Bennett's on Woodhaven sold, closing in January – Ed La Roche

Ø There will be a proposal submitted to the county for Phase 2 of the expansion of the Newberry water system to be included in Capital Projects. If approved the water line will be brought to the “t” where Summerset Bay Road and Summerset Bay Drive meet – Harry Greisser

Ø POA Annual Meeting:

§ April 30, 2016; Chappells Station

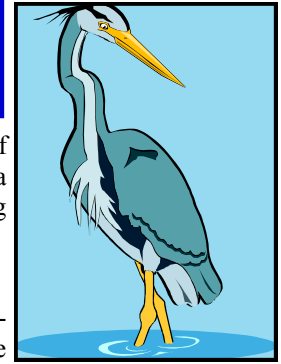
§ “Pot Luck” meal

§ Rick Martin, candidate for State Representative (R) will be invited to speak at the meeting

v Meeting was adjourned, 8:30 P.M.

v Next meeting: April 30, 2016, “Annual Meeting” Chappells Station #10

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**Connect Lake Greenwood** Over the years there have been various efforts and a number of organizations working to bring together all those interested in a healthy and valuable lake environment. Lake Greenwood is a great asset for the three counties bordering along its shoreline.

One of the first groups, Friends of Lake Greenwood and Rivers, was incorporated in 2000 primarily in response to a serious contamination issue. Lake Greenwood was overwhelmed by a terrible algae bloom. The problem was exacerbated by summer heat and drought but the real problem was discharge from up river water treatment plants. These plants were discharging 150% of the water they were actually capable of treating. Community efforts resulted in herbicide treatment of the algae and DHEC imposition of more stringent regulation of water treatment facilities.

Organized community efforts are effective.

Last year a new organization, Connect Lake Greenwood (CLG), became active. Less in response to adverse conditions CLG seems to have, as its goal, promotion of the lake as a “great place for business owners, retirees, young families, water sports enthusiasts, fishermen, boaters and every type of lake lovers working collaboratively with our local Chambers of Commerce...” In 2015, their signature event was the Fourth of July fireworks display on the lake.

You can find more about CLG at [ConnectLakeGreenwood.org](http://ConnectLakeGreenwood.org).

**Treasurer’s Report** by *Ed LaRoche*

Balance as of August 31, 2016	\$12,036.79
Deposits	
Dues	\$1,100.00
Total Dues	\$1,100.00
Disbursements	
Round-up for roadside edges	\$ 74.89
Fire Department Donation	\$ 500.00
Mower Fuel	\$ 52.50
Last Half June Mow. SSB Rd	\$ 330.00
Insurance	\$ 950.00
PO Box rental	\$ 25.00
 Total Disbursements	 \$1,932.39
Pending Deposits	
Dues	\$2,100.00
Pending Disbursements	
None	
Mower Replacement Contingency	\$3284.91
Available Cash after pending and contingency	\$10,019.49

**Board & Annual Meetings: 2016**  
**Chappells Fire House**

March 10	-7:00 P.M.	
General Meeting	April 30	3:00 P.M.
June 9	-7:00 P.M.	
September 8	-7:00 P.M.	
December 8	-7:00 P.M.	

**NEW MEMBER FORM**

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

**NAME:**

**DEVELOPMENT:**

**Lot # or local address:**

**Mailing Address if different:**

**Telephone No.**

**Check Enclosed**