

The Heron

July 10, 2014

Newberry County on Lake Greenwood



Medical Emergencies

Chappells Rescue and Emergency Medical Services have fallen on difficult times. At just three miles from our community, EMS is well positioned to serve this neighborhood. This station is fully equipped with a rescue truck and an ambulance. However, it is seriously handicapped by a lack of staff. Solely dependent on volunteers, the ability to respond has been hampered by the lack of members and member training. What should be a fifteen to twenty minute response time has stretched to a forty-five to ninety minute arrival at the scene of an emergency. The residents in this area are primarily senior citizens subject to the risks that come from advancing years. It is common knowledge that heart attacks, strokes and other medical incidents are at reduced rates of successful treatment with delayed reaction.

Wayne Trotter and his wife Ann had need of these services on two occasions, first in November of 2013 and again in May of 2014. It all began on November 4, 2013, when Ann Trotter had a stroke. Mr. Trotter's experience with Newberry County Emergency Services has alarmed everyone in this area. In an interview with The Heron, Mr. Trotter related his interactions with the 911 dispatcher and the resulting anxiety in getting help for his wife.
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Government Services

There are in excess of one hundred taxable real estate properties in this neighborhood in addition to all the taxable personal properties, i.e., cars, boats, personal watercraft and recreational vehicles. As a community, comprised mostly of retirees, the taxpayers in the Summerset/Windmill developments look to state and local government for two basic services. They are public safety and road maintenance. These services have fallen dangerously short of expectations.

County Line Road

County Line Road is the principle access road to Summerset Bay, Summerset Point, and Windmill Landing Developments. Pineland Road is the only other road that leads into our area. Pineland Rd. is a winding road that enters the lake-front from the South end and is primarily used by the WatersEdge community. Of note, Pineland Road has recently been repaved.

County Line Road, on the other hand, is in very bad condition. As the name suggests this road is partly in Laurens County and partly in Newberry County. Solutions to fix this road seem to be buried in a bureaucratic morass among several entities including the state, and the two counties.

The Newberry County portion alone has been frequently patched and the patches have been patched and then potholes have developed in the patches of the patches. Of course, the patches do not hold up as well as the original paving. Gradually the original pavement is disappearing under a surface of patches. (See photos below.)



President's Message *By Cort Nagle*

Greetings to all in Summerset Bay, as I hope you are having an enjoyable and safe summer here on Lake Greenwood so far? There are several community items of note.

First, we had an ultra-successful Friday night dinner party at Skippers Landing several weeks ago with 35 POA members in attendance. This was the highest participation in any social event since I've been here. I guess our members like food? POA members arrived by boat and car, and had a wonderful evening as the weather cooperated nicely. We plan to hold a similar event in the fall, so watch out for our newsletter then. (Thank you to Carla Dixon & Celie Mescall for organizing this event).

Second, it seems our community is active again in new home construction, as two homes are just being completed for the summer. And, another home just sold to a new out of town buyer. Hopefully the real estate market is turning somewhat and we'll see increased activity here?

And finally, my annual boating message; please make sure you have the following items on your boat in compliance with SC DNR regulations:

- 1) Boat registration
- 2) Current SC DNR boat & engine decals affixed to same
- 3) Fire extinguisher
- 4) Night time running lights – operable (red, green & white)
- 5) PFD's for all occupants; remember, an adult Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is not acceptable for children.
- 6) Cell Phone – optional for emergencies.
- 7) Paddles in case your engine quits?
- 8) Situational "awareness" during peak boating traffic on the weekends.
- 9) Observe "no wake" speed limits close to docks
- 10) Water skiing or tubing spotters are necessary in the boat.

Thank you on behalf of your POA Board.

WEB Sites

There are two web sites of interest to Summerset/Windmill residents.

- ◆ First and most relevant is our own excellent web site. This site provides a lot of information about the community and is very user friendly. The web site is <http://summersetpoa.org>. The site is limited to Summerset/Windmill residents. Get a password by calling Cecilia Mescall at 864-998-3925
- ◆ Second is the website for a new organization, Connect Lake Greenwood (CLG). "CLG is a non-profit organization run by a group of caring volunteers and sponsored by Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, and Ninety Six Chambers of commerce for the benefit of people who live on or have interest in Lake Greenwood." Check out the website at <http://connectlakegreenwood.org/us/>



ROMEO'S Every Second Thursday of the month the Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEO) group has breakfast at the Country Café and Bakery on Route 39. Breakfast starts at 8:00 A.M. and usually breaks up about 9:00 A.M.. Its a time for friendship and sharing of local matters of interest. The Romeo's invite all the men in our community to come and enjoy the camaraderie.

Summerset/Windmill POA General Meeting

General Meeting April 26, 2014

Dan Flint presided and opened the meeting at 4:15PM...

Ceil Mescall reported on Cort Nagle (POA President). He has been diagnosed with Acute Leukemia and will undergo several rounds of chemo-therapy. If treatment doesn't work then he may need a stem cell transplant. Several neighbors have signed up to car pool Cort for treatments.

Welcome & Special Thanks

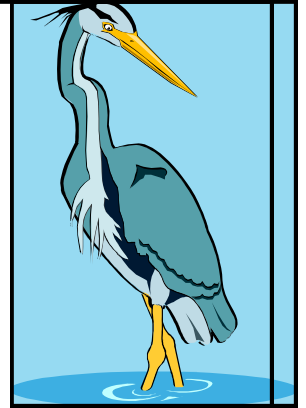
Judy and Carlton Higdon for hosting the meeting again this year.

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

Results of ballot: There were eighteen ballots returned and all three candidates were elected.-

Number in attendance was 26.

Summerset/Windmill POA General Meeting (cont'd)



Board Members present: Ed LaRoche, Harry Greisser, Dan Flint
& Lou Rosenthal. Cort Nagle (absent)

Guests Present: Walt McLeod, State representative.

Reading of 2013 meeting minutes was waived.

Treasurer's Report : Ed LaRoche reported on treasury status.
Balance as of December 31, 2013 - \$16,330.55

Secretary Report: Harry Greisser

With one year left in his term of office Harry Greisser asked for someone to step up to replace him as secretary and newsletter editor by this time next year.

Old Business: committee reports

Lou Rosenthal for ACC – There are two new home constructions in the community. Both should be done within six months.

Landscaping –Jim Smith – Jim's committee is continuing with improvements and has a \$1,000 budget. They are testing seeds, crown vetch, for hillside erosion areas. The crepe myrtles seem to have survived the winter.

Mowing – Roy Mendelsohn told us they started this week. Tony Johnson cut Summerset Bay Road. They are about to apply the first spray of road edge with herbicide and will have fire ant treatment again this year.

Communication – Ceil Mescall handles Email notices on current issues. She will update the website with recent Herons.

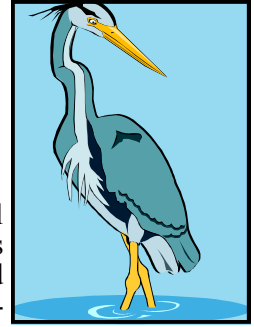
Social – Carla Dixon: Cecelia Mescall reported for Carla on a buffet to be organized for Skipper's Landing. The owners (Brenda Smith & Husband) of Skipper's outlined a menu of pulled pork plus sides and desserts at \$9.99 plus tax and gratuity per person.

The POA donated \$500 to the Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned.

Participants then enjoyed a time for socializing and enjoyed the food provided by Judy and Carlton Higdon.

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Medical Emergencies (cont'd)

Wayne Trotter is not one of our retirees. He is still employed and at 6:45AM of November 4 he was on a conference call from his home when he heard his wife in the bathroom. She was mumbling repeatedly "head hurt", "head hurt". He went to investigate and found his wife almost unconscious and face down in vomit on the floor. He immediately called 911 and reached a Newberry dispatcher who inquired about the situation and said that help was on the way. After twenty minutes Mr. Trotter called again and was assured that a team was "on the way" but they did not have further status. After another fifteen to twenty minutes he was told that the EMS team was in Silverstreet (sixteen miles away). When two people finally arrived they blamed the delay on bad timing, a "shift change". They transported Mrs. Trotter to Self Memorial Hospital where she was diagnosed as terminal. However, in a valiant attempt to save her life, she was air-lifted to Charleston for neurosurgery. Against all odds, Mrs. Trotter survived her stroke.

The EMS response was from Newberry because Chappells was not available.

On May 28, 2014 Mrs. Trotter again exhibited signs of a stroke, drooping of the left side of her face. Unwilling to rely on a quick EMS response, Mr. Trotter called 911 and told them that he was starting out for the hospital in his personal vehicle and would like EMS to intercept him in transit so they could administer any possible emergency medical aid. After what Wayne Trotter considered a series of unhelpful queries, he did manage to meet Cross Hill EMS as he drove through the town of Cross Hill. Cross Hill EMS then took over and transported his wife to the hospital.

Mrs. Trotter survives to this day but is totally dependent on her husband for all life activities. Would a quicker EMS response last November have improved her present quality of life? It's impossible to tell but something needs to be done about EMS services in this area. Mr. Trotter and the Summerset/Windmill POA are seeking solutions to the problem.

Treasurer's Report *by Ed LaRoche*

Balance as of February 28, 2014		\$18,557.84
Deposits		
Dues	<u>\$775.00</u>	
Total	\$775.00	
Disbursements-		
Chappells Fire and Rescue	\$500.00	
Landscape Supplies/plants	\$164.68	
Higdon appreciation (hosting General Meeting), P.O. Box and Treasurer Supplies	\$175.11	
Mower service	<u>\$290.17</u>	
Total	\$1,129.96	
Balance as of May 30, 2014		\$18,202.88
Pending Disbursements	\$586.46	
Mower Replacement Contingency	\$6,000.00	
2014 Estimated Contingency	<u>\$5,397.33</u>	
Contingency Total	\$11,397.33	
Available Cash (after pending disbursements & contingencies)		\$ 6,219.09

**POA Board Meetings: 2014
Chappells Fire House**

September 11 -7:00 P.M.
December 11 -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 above.

NAME:

DEVELOPMENT:

Lot # or local address:

Mailing Address if different:

Telephone No.

Check Enclosed