

*Newberry County on Lake Greenwood*

## Happy Thanksgiving

### Get Out The Vote

**November 8th is the date for the regular general election for 2016.**

**If you haven't voted by absentee ballot, please show up to vote on Tuesday the Eighth.**

Of course, this is an important presidential election year, a choice between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton to be our national leader. You also need to educate yourself on other federal, state and local contests as well as a referendum issue.

For your consideration, here is a summary of Chappells SC voter choices:

United States Senate:

Bill Bledsoe - Constitution, Libertarian  
Thomas Dixon – Democrat, Green, Working  
Party

Rebel Michael Scarborough – American  
Tim Scott – Republican, Incumbent

United States Congress:

Hosea Cleveland – Democrat  
Jeff Duncan – Republican, Incumbent

SC House District 40:

Carlton Kinard – Democrat  
Rick Martin – Republican

Newberry County Clerk of Court

Elizabeth Folk – Democrat  
Rick Lail – Republican

Newberry County Council Seat, District 6, currently held by William Waldrop is not subject to election this year.

A referendum issue, “The One Cent Solution” asks Newberry County Residents to continue the local one cent capital sales tax for seven more years. There are twelve projects approved to be funded by the sales tax if voted YES. The last issue of The Heron listed the projects. Some of the projects include: recreational complexes, museum renovation, a police department renovation, a walking track, an improvement to a fire district water supply, and upgrades to the county emergency services radio system.

**Lake Front Construction Setbacks** On September 7, 2016, twenty-five property owners from Summerset Bay and WatersEdge Communities attended the County Council Meeting to take issue with a proposed change to a county ordinance that would set aside two decades of policy on construction setbacks from the lake. The revision of the relevant county ordinance was scheduled for third and final vote.

With the exception of one unique area where the setback is fifty feet, the rest of the four contiguous communities have a universal setback of seventy-five feet. A primary attraction of lakefront property is the valued view of the lake. The uniform seventy-five-foot setback protects all property owners from having their view obstructed. This setback is also wise in that it protects the lake from erosion and generally provides a vegetative barrier that keeps pollutants from entering the lake.

It appears that the revised ordinance would allow a setback of only twenty feet. Such a change is unconscionable. It would have a deleterious impact on the immediate neighbors to such construction and would generally have a negative impact on property values in the community.

The county administrator posited that the proposed revision and its impact was somehow inadvertent. A unanimous vote of county council postponed third reading until members of the community and representatives of county council could resolve the matter. Councilman Waldrop represents our district and will take a lead role in addressing the problem.

**Later in September county council approved a revised ordinance with the following language:**

**“... structures shall be set back no less than 50 feet from the contour line ... 440 contour line on Lake Greenwood. However, where adjacent lake properties on both sides of a property are developed, the setback shall not be less than the averages of the setback from the 360 contour .... (of ) the 440 contour on Lake Greenwood of the principal structures on the adjacent lake properties.”**

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### ***President’s Message By Harry Greisser***

October 6, 2000 saw the first issue of this quarterly newsletter. A sixteen year retrospective is illustrative of the issues that have had major impacts on the quality of life in the Summerset/Windmill Developments.

That first issue announced the opening of a new fire station at Route 39 and Brannon Road and also raised awareness of an algae problem in the lake. Since the “The Heron” has advocated for repaving Summerset Bay Road; opposition to a public boat ramp; improvement in ISO fire rating; opposition to damaging power plants on the Reedy River; implementation of zoning and building codes; replacement of Pineland Road Bridge; and construction of a water tank for Chappells Fire Department. These and other issues have formed an ongoing challenge for “The Heron” as it has attempted to be a voice for the people in this portion of Lake Greenwood.

That first issue also announced the birth of the Summerset/Windmill POA. Even as a voluntary membership organization the POA has had a very successful run with participation by a substantial majority of property owners.

**I’m proud to have been a part of the organization and also proud to have been the editor of “The Heron” over these years. However, it’s time for me to step aside and make room for new perspectives. My term of office as president expires in April, 2017 and I will not seek to stay in that position. Nor will I continue as editor of “The Heron”. I would hope that this notice will prompt others step up to be an officer or the continue publication of the quarterly newsletter.**

# POA Board Minutes by Ed LaRoche

Board Meeting Sept. 8, 2016

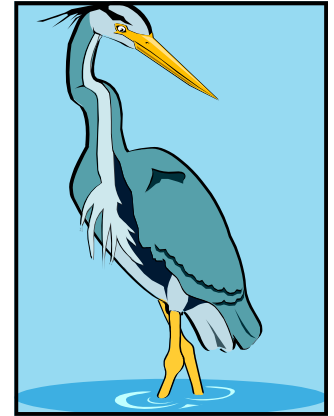
Chappells Fire-station

Harry Greisser presided and opened the meeting at 7PM

Board Members Present: Harry Greisser, Larry Sartori , Ed LaRoche

Guest Present: Roy Mendelson, Jim Smith, Clark Mckensie

June Minutes were accepted based on Heron publication



Treasurer's Report Provided: Balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup>: \$14,267.43 . Available \$6,255.34

## Committees:

ACC – No activity

Mowing-Roy Mendelsohn

Have 8 volunteers so no one has to mow mre than once every 4 weeks.

Mower is running OK with only occasional small 'quirks'.

Landscaping-Jim Smith---planning some soil and vegetation work later in fall.

Communications: No Report---desire expressed to have an e-mail distribution list available to select board members in addition to the Communication Director—for use at times when something needs to be disseminated and the current director is not available to get it sent.

## Old Business:

County Line Road—Harry provided a response for Senator Ron Cromer where he 'thought' road had been done....and further checking showed road was deleted from this year's plan. The road is now on the current fiscal year replacement list.

Concerning the purchase and deployment of Security Cameras: no activity

## New Business:

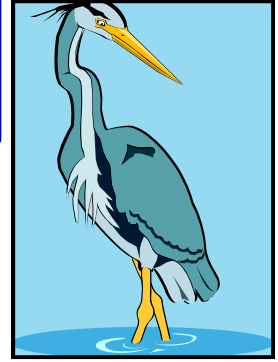
Heron will be finalized in early October and then published. Harry would like for someone to step-up and take over the publication as he doesn't plan to continue it after his current term on the board is finished.

Larry Sartori & Ed LaRoche attended County Council meeting on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> along with 30 to 35 WatersEdge members. On the agenda was a 3<sup>rd</sup>(and final) reading of a zoning ordinance that had left out detail on lake setback methodology. The third reading was tabled pending an amendment to the ordinance to reinstate a setback procedure.

**The County accessor presented a millage budget that is down 0.1 mills year over year. The good news for this year is no higher property taxes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM with next meeting set for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> same time and location.

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



**Chappells Fire & Rescue:** There has been a change in Chappells Emergency Services. As of June 29 Larry Watson has resigned from the rescue board and his position in Chappells EMS. Bill Waldrop has since appointed Karen Geier to the county rescue board and she is now at Chappells EMS.

*by Ed LaRoche*

Board Meetings Chappells Fire House

December 8, 2016 -7:00 P.M.  
 March 9, 2017 -7:00 P.M.

Bank Statement Balance, May 31, 2016	\$15,212.72
Deposits:	
Dues	\$100.00
Disbursements:	
Mower Maintenance, new blades	\$106.99
Website fee, stamps,	
copies & labels	\$163.59
Mowing May 12th & 25th	\$330.00

**Treasurer's Report**

Mower maintenance, seat spring	\$ 17.87
Mowing June 9th & 23rd	\$300.00
Mower maintenance,	
filter & grease	\$ 96.84
Total Disbursements:	
	<u>\$1,224.02</u>

Balance, August 31, 2016 \$14,267.43

Pending Deposits:

Dues	\$ 100.00
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Pending Disbursements:

P.O. Box annual rental	\$ 48.00
Diesel Fuel & Mower parts	\$ 171.06
Mowing July 6th & 20th	<u>\$ 330.00</u>

Total Pending Disbursements \$ 549.06

Net Pending total (\$ 449.06)

Mower Replacement Contingency: \$4,000.00  
 2016 Remaining Estimated Contingency: \$3,563.03

Contingency Total: \$7,563.03

Total Pending & Contingency Total \$8,012.09

Available Cash (after contingencies)  
 As of September 8, 2016: \$6,255.34

**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**