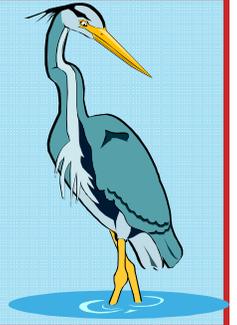


# The Heron

October 29, 2015



*Newberry County on Lake Greenwood*

## Emergency Medical Service

Emergency Medical Service, EMS, is now fully functioning. The Chappells ambulance is up and running. However, there is only one trained Emergency Medical Technician, EMT. **More volunteers are needed.** Our community tends to be retirees, many in advancing years, and so more likely to be users of EMS than volunteer providers. However, even if you can be a driver to accompany the EMT on an emergency response, you can fill an important role.

Local EMS consists of basic care and transport. The EMT is capable of doing vital life measurements and is trained to use a defibrillator, AED. The ambulance can transport a patient to Greenwood if Self Memorial is identified as the hospital with which the patient's doctor is associated. All members of the Chappells Fire and Rescue Team are CPR certified and do accompany the EMT on calls.

There is also a paramedic always on call for Advanced Life Support. A significant problem is that Advanced Life Support comes through the county and is dispatched to Chappells from Silverstreet and beyond. There is a "mutual aid agreement" with Laurens County, Cross Hill, to respond as needed.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

It must be stated that there is a very low confidence level among residents of this community that EMS response, either basic or advanced, will be timely and effective in spite of current arrangements. An incident involving the wife of one of our members who suffered a very delayed and ineffective response lends credence to this concern. The most commonly heard statement is "we pay a very high property tax and get very little for it".

## Be Prepared

We are obviously a community of mostly senior citizens. Whether a senior or not, whether you have a spouse or live alone, it pays to be prepared for an emergency medical situation. A first responder needs basic medical information about you. In an emergency situation you may or may not be able to communicate. This data is valuable to have at hand at home but also on your person if you are away from home.

You need to document:

- ◆ Current medical status, e.g., diabetic, pacemaker, etc.
- ◆ All current medications. (Meds change and you need to continually update this information.)
- ◆ Allergies, especially drug allergies.
- ◆ Emergency Contact(s)
- ◆ Primary Care Physician
- ◆ Hospital with which your doctor is associated.
- ◆ Healthcare Directive. (DNR, Do Not resuscitate, signed by your doctor if applicable.)

One way to document this data is to join the "Vial of Life" program, [vialoflife.com](http://vialoflife.com). The program and materials are **FREE**. You can begin with the form included in this newsletter. (page 4) If you go on-line with this program you can also get a kit that includes a decal for your front door that alerts a first responder to check your refrigerator. The package also includes a baggie and magnet to attach to the door of your refrigerator.

**Don't forget to carry the enclosed form or other similar documentation on your person when you are traveling or just out and about.**

## President's Message

*By Harry Greisser*

Every year at this time the Treasurer, Ed LaRoche, begins reaching out to all residents of Summerset Bay, Summerset Point and Windmill Landing in order to solicit for membership in the Summerset/Windmill Property Owners Association. The annual membership fee is \$100. The revenue generated by this effort goes right back into the community. It pays for neighborhood upkeep and appearance. This includes roadside mowing, fire-ant treatment and other beneficial landscaping activities.

The benefits of having an association also include having a collective voice in dealing with government entities, retention and improvement of property values, and creation of opportunities for open communication within the community.

Compared with similar associations, the annual fee is very reasonable. This association is also unique in that membership is voluntary. Yet, year after year the participation is encouraging. The POA is able to provide a superior return for your fee because of the many hours of volunteer work. The mowing team; the landscape committee; the board members; and the communications committee as well as other volunteers make this association work.

The association board now asks you to join and be a contributor.

**When you receive a POA Membership Notice, please respond with your check.**

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## Buzzards Roost Dam

Over the years, Mr. Roy Mendelsohn has carefully and persistently monitored Greenwood County, The Federal Energy Commission, (FERC) and The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) policies and procedures regarding anything affecting Lake Greenwood. It was largely due to his efforts that the "rule curve", i.e., policy on winter draw-down, has been modified to give fuller use of the lake.

In response to a mandate from FERC, Greenwood County has created a fund to upgrade and strengthen Buzzards Roost Dam. Are these monies still needed and, if not, how should they be redirected?

Recently, Hurricane Joaquin came through South Carolina dumping vast quantities of rain across the state. A good deal of the resultant flooding could be attributed to the failure of many of the dams throughout the state. Apparently Buzzards Roost Dam at the South End of Lake Greenwood held fast and served its function well.

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## County Line Road

The condition of County Line Road has been a source of consternation in Summerset Bay for many years. At times the road has taken on the appearance of a back road in a war zone. It seems that help may be on the way.

Senator Ronnie Cromer responded to an article in the last issue of The Heron. Immediately the worst potholes were patched making the road less jarring to drive. However, we all know that the patches are an interim solution at best. Already there are signs that the patches are starting to break up and we have still to go through a winter season.

The good news is that Senator Cromer is working to get County Line Road resurfaced by the end of the fiscal year, i.e., mid-summer 2016. He has assured us that he is working with Newberry and Laurens Counties as well as the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

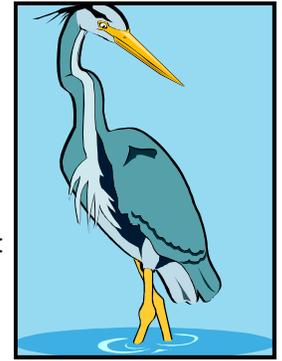
As the community is well aware, County Line Road wanders through both Laurens and Newberry and back causing a bureaucratic morass. Hopefully, Senator Cromer will be able to break through the gridlock and achieve cooperation between the counties for the benefit of residents in both counties. After all, County Line Rd. is the primary access road to a number of Lake Front Communities in both counties.

Senator Cromer deserves recognition and appreciation for stepping up to this problem. The Heron will monitor progress toward achieving a more drivable access road.

## POA Board Minutes by Shelley Grund

Summerset/Windmill POA  
Board Meeting September 10, 2015  
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 Santori
  - Guests Present: Bob Akers, Gene Mayer, Clark McKean, and Jim Smith
- ❖ Reading of the Minutes/Secretary Report – Shelley Grund. Minutes were read and approved as revised
- ❖ Treasurer’s Report was provided and attached to the minutes.  
Balance as of August 31, 2015: \$12,036.79; Available cash: \$7,559.20. Approved.
- ❖ Newsletter – Harry Greisser: THE HERON to be published at the end of October. All articles to be submitted by October 17<sup>th</sup>. (h.greisser@gmail.com / 864-992-3090) Possible articles: Connect Greenwood (Gene Mayer), Need volunteers for mowing (Roy Mendelsohn).
- ❖ Dues Notices – In November Ed LaRoche will send approximately 106 letters requesting dues.
- ❖ Greenwood County – Roy Mendelsohn:
  - The “Lake Study” may result in work on the dam soon.
- ❖ Committees:
  - ACC – Larry Santori: no new applications; still just 2 houses under construction
  - Mowing – Roy Mendelsohn:
    - Problems with the new mower to do with front wheels and how they handle hilly terrain
    - “Bad Boy” representative to come to check it out – Roy will notify the board and other members to be present during the visit
    - Cowling over engine was cracked – new one ordered through warranty and just needs to be installed
    - Continuing - The new mower works very well with less maintenance



- Continuing - VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED for mowing!!
- Landscaping – Jim Smith:
  - It would be nice if a storage container of some sort was fixed to the mower, one that is easily removed but lockable. This would help with fire ant treatments, picking up litter, holding water bottles, etc.
- Communications: Social & Welcome: Gene Mayer
  - Social: Skippers prices higher: \$14-15 per person. BYOB. Gene will set a date (Friday or Saturday)
  - Address lists, both land and email, need to be updated. Gene and Ed will meet.
- ❖ Old Business:
  - County Line Road – Harry Greisser: State Senator Ron Cromer left a voice mail on Harry’s phone in response to the last Heron Newsletter regarding the condition of the road. The senator stated that he would get together with Laurens and Newberry and would have the road repaved by the end of the year.
  - Harry Greisser will write a letter to Senator Cromer encouraging the project, listing all the POA Board Members and copying the letter to both Laurens County and Newberry County. The board voted and approved.
  - EMS Response issue is still of concern
    - Ed LaRoche reported that Wayne Trotter is planning to talk to Newberry County about the situation
    - Larry Watson is the only official EMS responder for Chappells
- ❖ New Business - none
- ❖ Meeting was adjourned, 8:15 P.M.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 10, 2015, 7:00 P.M. Chappells Station #10



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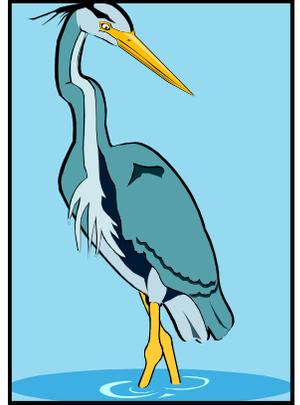
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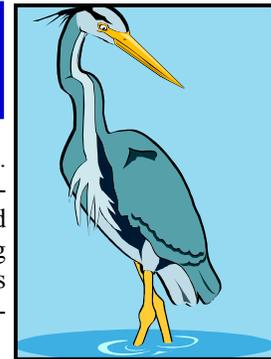
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## Skipper's Landing Get Together

A recent outing of POA Members was held at Skipper's Landing. These occasional events are a great opportunity to meet and socialize with neighbors. A good time was had by all.





## Chappells Fire Department

Hurricane Joaquin hit South Carolina with a destructive force. Much of the Low County and Midlands suffered with significant flooding. The whole state received excessive rainfall and

winds. Although there was no serious flooding in the Chappells area, there were many fallen trees impeding travel on all of its roads. The Chappells Fire and Rescue team spent in excess of twenty continuous hours with chain saws clearing Routes 56, 39 and 34. They also worked to clear residential roads including Pine-land Road and Summerset Bay Roads.

Volunteers in the Chappells Fire and Rescue Department are receiving training on Inmate Supervision. Detainees could prove to be a ready source of labor to do many time consuming tasks such as washing trucks and grounds keeping thus freeing up volunteers to work on necessary fire and rescue skills.

The recent chicken dinner fundraiser was a success. Deductible donations are always welcome and may fit into your "end of year" tax planning. Donations do not always have to be cash. Consider donating cases of bottled water or replacement flagpole flags.

**Don't forget to change batteries in your fire/smoke alarms and check the status of fire extinguishers.**

You can always contact fire and rescue at [chappellsvfrd@gmail.com](mailto:chappellsvfrd@gmail.com).

### Treasurer's Report *by Ed LaRoche*

Balance as of May 29, 2015	\$13,247.39
Deposits	
<u>Dues</u>	<u>\$ 200.0</u>
Total Dues	\$ 200.00
Pending Disbursements	
PO Box rental	\$ 24.00
Mower Maintenance	\$ 47.65
May & June Mowing SSB Rd	\$ 330.00
Fire Ant Treatment	\$ 234.00
Last Half June Mow. SSB Rd	\$ 330.00
Mower Fuel	\$ 44.96
Insurance increase for new mower	\$ 25.00
Mower Warning Light	\$ 44.99
<u>July Mowing of SSB Rd</u>	<u>\$ 330.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,410.60
Pending Disbursements	
SSB Website Annual Fee	\$ 96.00
Round-up for roadside edging	\$ 74.89
<u>Chappells Fire Dept/EMS donation</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total Pending Disbursements	\$ 670.89
<u>2015 Estimated Contingency</u>	<u>\$3,806.70</u>
Available Cash after pending and contingency	\$7,559.20

### Board Meetings: 2015 Chappells Fire House

December 10 -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**