

CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

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Welcome, New Neighbors!

We welcome new neighbors **Mark & Lori Cantrell**, 104 Downs Blvd. They both grew up in the Atlanta area and moved to Charlotte in 1995, where they raised their two daughters, Sara and Lillian. Sara lives in Virginia. Lillian, after graduating from Clemson Life, chose to stay in Clemson, where she works at the Shepherd Hotel. Mark & Lori purchased their home in Clemson Downs to be close to her. They will divide their time between Clemson and Charlotte.

Lori enjoys Bible study, volunteering in many areas—especially with her dogs, playing Bunco, traveling, and meeting new people. Mark enjoys singing, Bible study, playing most sports, music of all types, travel, yardwork, and walking with his wife and two dogs. He has found a new interest in Pickle Ball and play twice a week while they are in Charlotte. He's looking forward to playing more often once he retires. Welcome, Mark & Lori!

Please add the Cantrells' contact information to your directory:

Mark: 704-564-2715 (Cell) | Lori: 704-516-2294 (Cell)
cantrellclan@carolina.rr.com

Board Meeting Highlights

- Eleanor Teal was approved by the board as a replacement for a board member who retired; Eleanor will serve as treasurer.
- Fencing Guidelines were distributed to members; fencing applications will be voted on based on their own merit and recommended or not recommended by the ARC.
- Discussion regarding proposed new light pole additions to Clemson Downs: Denny Walling has investigated dark areas in the neighborhood, and he asked all Board members to take a look at his list and be prepared to discuss this in May.
- According to Eldon Blust, Community Cable Coordinator, because the number of subscribers to Vyve TV is down substantially, there will likely be a small fee increase next year, but no increase this year.

ARC Reminders

Your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10:00 am upstairs in the Small Room of the Corley Center. All POA residents are welcome to attend. If you plan to start any exterior project such as painting, construction, hardscape, door/window/siding replacement, etc., please be sure to get your application(s) turned in to an ARC member before that date so we can get it processed for you as soon as possible. We appreciate those of you who aren't quite sure whether an application is necessary; thanks for calling one of us to find out!

FYI: For those of you who may be unaware, the ARC is a sub-committee of the POA Board. We can only recommend applications. They then must be presented to the Board, which meets one week after we do, for final approval. Your approved application will then be returned to you, and your project can begin.

If you don't have an application form, please go to our website at www.cdpoa.com and download one or call John Gardner (803-427-7372). Here's how to download a form:
Go to www.cdpoa.com. Click on **About CDPOA**. Scroll down to **Architectural Review Committee**.

See **Architectural Review Request Form** at the right. Click on it. Then click on **Click Here to download**. Print the form via your printer, fill it out, and take it to any ARC member

ARC Membership 2023:

John Gardner, Chairperson | Nancy Bennett | Ben Crosland | Betty DiTommaso | Walt Castro
Ann Fuhr | Wendy Longo | Susan Robinette | Gladys Vaughan



ARC reminds you that Spring is a great time to review the ARC Guidelines and Restrictive Covenants to make sure your home meets all requirements. It's also a great time to check your home's colors such as windows, trim, garage doors, entry doors, etc. to see if you are in compliance. Mailbox guidelines are found on the website as well, and this is a great time to update mailboxes so they meet all specs. Call John Gardner or any ARC Committee member for assistance.

News from the Common Properties Committee

- ✓ Someone left treated wood at the brush pile at the end of Bayberry and the City will not pick it up!
- ✓ Reminder: Only CARC and Property Owners self-generated yard trimmings are allowed in the brush pile at the end of Bayberry. If we continue to put in unacceptable items for the City to pick up, we may go the way of recyclables and they will no longer pick up for us.

Acceptable items:

- tree limbs under 8" in diameter and 6' in length
 - shrub trimmings
 - brush
 - leaves
 - grass clippings
- ✓ Thank you to Gary Newkirk who arranged for Scout Troop #161 and leader Reno Wilson to spread mulch in the Woodland Walk at the end of Bayberry!
 - ✓ Also, thank you to Gladys Vaughan for calling the city about the safety issue of the obstructed view on Hickory for both cars and pedestrians. The city came right out to trim the shrubs.



FYI—For Your Information

The Gazebo and Garden House

Please take advantage of the Gazebo on these beautiful days. It is located at the first sidewalk on the right after Birch Place off Downs Loop. If you want to reserve the Gazebo for a special group, please call Karen McAlister at 864-240-1904 to let her know.

Our mini art gallery located inside the Garden House at the Gazebo has expanded for 2023. For our kick-off year of 2022, Joe Merck contributed two pieces from his personal collection of his works; they were displayed in the Gallery throughout the 2022 season.

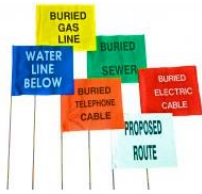
This year, Joe is continuing the tradition with two new works not before seen by Garden House enthusiasts. His works will be joined for the 2023 season by a painting done by our very own Sue Reneke.

When you are at the Gazebo for a scheduled event or for a brief visit, wander into the Garden House and view these works of art by our talented and generous friends and neighbors.



Duke Energy Working in Clemson Downs—Flags, flags, flags!

As you've probably already observed, contractors from Duke Energy are burying replacement power transmission lines in the utility easement areas that are provided for that purpose across both CDPOA common property and individual private property in the Clemson Downs



community. Although the contractors appear to have taken reasonable care to have the location of other buried utilities identified, there are occasionally interruptions to

the services of other utilities. If a resident of the community experiences such a utility

interruption, it should be reported to the Service Center of the utility that is interrupted.

Utilities at Clemson Downs

AT&T (800) 288- 2020

Clemson Water and Sewer (864) 653-2046

Duke Energy (800) 777-9898

Ft. Hill Natural Gas (864) 882-8126

Vyve (864) 882-0002

Things to Remember

First Friday



The Spring Dinner was well attended. Nancy Portnow, Scarlet Thayer, and Fran Mosely did a great job organizing it. Thanks, ladies!

The First Friday gathering will be on May 5th downstairs in the Corley Center, hosted by Sylvia Peters and Diana Manly, beginning at 4pm. If you've never been to a First Friday, this is a perfect time to come. Bring an appetizer to share, your beverage of choice, and wear your name tag. Bring a new neighbor—or a long-standing one—and enjoy the company of your neighbors.

Shred Day at Clemson

The City of Clemson is hosting a free Community Shred Event on **Saturday, May 6, 2023**, from **9:00am - 12:00pm** at the Clemson City Hall, Lower Parking Lot, 1250 Tiger Blvd /Hwy 123.

- No parking. Drive through service!
- Please do not exit your vehicle.
- Boy Scout Troop 161 will collect your items.
- Staples, rubber bands, folders, & paper clips do not need to be removed before shredding. Max 4 bags or boxes of residential document material.
- Clemson Community Care will be in attendance to accept canned food and monetary donations.
- Any Questions? Contact City Records Manager, Beverly Coleman at (864) 653-2031.



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 ARC Mtg. 10 am Corley Ctr.	3	4 Happy Hour @ the Bistro 5-7 pm Wraps	5 CPC Mtg. 11 am <u>Corley Ctr.</u> First Friday 4-6 pm Corley Ctr.	6
7	8	9 CDPOA Board Mtg. 2 pm	10	11 Happy Hour @ the Bistro 5-7 pm Mexican Night	12	13
	15	16	17	18 Happy Hour @ the Bistro 5-7 pm Sliders	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Hour @ the Bistro 5-7 pm Fish Fry	26	27
28	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	30	31			

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Notes:

If your area of Clemson Downs is too dark at night and you want more nighttime lighting, contact Denny Walling. He is conducting a survey of dark areas that need additional streetlights.

June 2023

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