

CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

Published for our neighbors in Clemson Downs—A 55+ Retirement Community

September 2023

President's Letter

Two months ago, I wrote to you about considering a position on the Clemson Downs Property Association Board of Directors. Currently, the Board is looking for nominations of members for 2-year terms of service beginning in January 2024. These nominations are vitally important if we are to continue our success as an outstanding retirement community that supports our members. Below are heart-warming words from 101-year-old Marge Olthoff on the benefits of being a Board member and volunteering in service to your neighbors.

"About three months after moving to the Downs in 1997, I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors of the POA. Looking back at my first reaction to decline, I now realize all that I would have missed. The 15 years I volunteered in various capacities were an eye opener to all the talent, expertise, and untiring willingness to serve by those who did so. I was humbled by their past successes, but what was most worthy is the friendships I have made and kept all these years. Clemson Downs is what it is because of residents who realize what a jewel we have here. To have been able to associate with so many capable and dedicated volunteers is an important and valuable part of my joy in saying 'I live in the Downs.'

"I urge new residents we have welcomed to respond to the Board's request for volunteers to experience the pleasure of serving and being a part of this great community. You will make many new friends and know that you are needed to ensure that the Downs remains one step away from Heaven. Also, it is fun! Try it and see."

Thank you, Marge! If you would like to place your name in nomination to the POA Board, please contact Ann Fuhr (864-888-7321) or Jan Gallaher (864-710-2401).

Warmest regards, Denny Walling

Board Meeting Highlights

- Survey results were reviewed, and the majority of ARC members approved a motion recommending a revision of Item Five of the ARC guidelines. The revision has been sent via email to the POA members to give everyone an opportunity to comment.
- The CDPOA website should be rebuilt and active in a week or two. You will get an email to let you know when the website is ready for use. Thank you for your patience!
- The repair work on the Gazebo has been completed. The Gazebo and furniture have been pressure washed, repaired, and re-stained. Stop by the Gazebo to check it out!
- The city of Clemson Engineer's Office is working on our request for additional street lighting at Clemson Downs.
- The Vyve upgrade to their transmission plant is still underway and should be complete soon.

Welcome New Neighbors!

This month we welcome four new neighbors.

Anne Scott, 505 Downs Loop, is originally from western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. She lived in Reidsville, NC, for 34 years before coming to Clemson Downs. Welcome, Anne!

Sandra Waskowski is not new to Clemson Downs, as she previously rented out her house at 1009 Keystone Lane. Now Sandy is here to stay. She grew up in California and served 20 years as a Navy Nurse Practitioner; her last duty was at Charleston Naval Hospital. She met and married Bill Yates of Clemson and they lived on Lake Hartwell for 25 years. She and Bill bought the house on Keystone and referred to it as the “last man standing” house. Sandy says “...as I am the last man...I finished a complete remodel that lasted 4 months.” She enjoys making cards and reading. She has many friends in Clemson Downs and feels right at home here. We’re glad you’re here, Sandy!

Scott & Hope Stone have moved into 1007 Keystone Lane. They moved from the Adirondack Mountain region in upstate New York. They have moved to Clemson Downs to be near their son and family. We welcome you both!

Telephone Directory Corrections and Additions

If your email address or phone number changes, please contact Anne Snider at 864-723-2878 or sniderah@gmail.com to update your contact information.

Additions

Anne Scott, 505 Downs Loop | 336-613-7540 (cell) | anne1415@bellsouth.net

Sandy Waskowski, 1009 Keystone Lane | 864-710-4447 (cell) | sandywy21@bellsouth.net

Scott & Hope Stone, 1007 Keystone Lane | 518-586-2533 (cell) | stone.hopew@gmail.com

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Reminders

Your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will meet Tuesday, September 5, 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 that those of you who aren’t quite sure whether an application is necessary will call one of us.

FYI: For those of you who may be unaware, the ARC is a committee of the POA Board. We can only recommend applications. Applications must then 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 call John Gardner (803-427-7372). Note: when the CDPOA website has been restored, we will give you directions for downloading a form from the website.

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

Common Property Committee (CPC) Reminders

Please remind your contractor that any brush debris or grass clipping that they create from their work on your yard must be removed from Clemson Downs. If you see any contractor not following these rules, please alert either someone on the Common Property Committee or a POA Board member.

Grass clippings are never to be left on common property. Some contractors have been accused of leaving grass clippings on common property. We have talked with them, and they are NOT responsible. Let's not create conflict among neighbors. If you see grass clippings left on common property—or if you have a question about just what areas are common property—contact a member of the CPC.

Committee Members: Virginia Baird, chairperson; Karen McAlister; Gary Newkirk; Gladys Vaughn; Chuck Waugaman; and Larry Reamer.

Things to Remember

Exercise Classes

Anayeli will be going out soon for maternity leave and the wellness schedule is going to be changing during this time. Please call the CARC office at 654-1155 to confirm the availability and meeting times of any class you would like to attend in the event there is a schedule change.

First Friday

First Friday is on September 1, 2023. Hosts are Margaret Layne and Diana Manly (substituting for Mimi Bopp). If you are free, bring an appetizer to share, your favorite beverage, and your name tag and join us in the basement of the Corley Center at 4:00 pm.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for 2023 is looking for POA members (homeowners) who are willing to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. Serving is not too time-consuming and is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors, learn more about Clemson Downs, and give back to your community. Please consider running. Contact Jan Gallaher (lizzieoutdoor@gmail.com or 864-710-2401) or Ann Fuhr (annbw1959@gmail.com or 864-888-7321) if you are interested.


Town Hall Information Meeting and Annual Meeting—Save the Dates!

The Town Hall Information Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 2 pm in the Corley Center. This Information Meeting will be an opportunity for POA members to review the proposed budget and ask questions about items being considered by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, at 2 pm in the Corley Center.

Garden House

The Garden House door has been repaired and the Garden House has reopened for use.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CPC Mtg. 11 am Corley Ctr. <hr/> First Friday 4-6 pm Corley Ctr.	2
3	4 Labor Day Clemson at Duke 8 pm	5 ARC Mtg. 1 pm Corley Ctr.	6	7	8	9 Charleston Southern at Clemson 2:15 pm
10 Grand- parent's Day	11	12 CDPOA Board Mtg. 2 pm Bistro	13	14	15	16 Florida Atlantic at Clemson 8 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Florida State at Clemson <hr/> First Day of Autumn
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Clemson at Syracuse

August 2023

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Notes:

Please make sure your yard workers remove all yard debris from Clemson Downs. Workers are not allowed to leave grass clippings or limbs on common property or in the yard waste dump site at the end of Bayberry.

October 2023

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