

CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

For our neighbors in the Clemson Downs Property Owners Association—A 55+ Community

March 2024

Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to **Charles and Carol Shuler**, who moved from their farm in Seneca to 33 Hickory Way. Carol grew up in Clemson, where both of her parents were professors. Charles and Carol met at Clemson and were married at Holy Trinity Episcopal before they graduated. They lived in Massachusetts for four years where Charles worked for Monsanto. They then moved to Charleston where Carol attended medical school and completed her residency while Charles worked for Exxon's Industrial Textiles division in Summerville. They then moved to Spartanburg where Carol joined an OB/GYN practice and Charles worked for Phillips Fibers in Greenville. They built a second home on Lake Keowee and ultimately moved there full time with Carol starting a GYN practice in Seneca and Charles continuing to work for multiple industrial textile companies. Carol's mother lived in Independent Living in the Downs before passing away at age 92. With friends in the Downs, it seemed the right destination for downsizing. Welcome to the neighborhood!

All Fees Now Due

Your Board of Directors would like to remind you that all fees, both the \$300 for the neighborhood association dues, and the \$480 for the optional Vyve Community Cable TV package, if you want to sign up, are due March 1, 2024. Thank you so much to those who have already paid their dues. If you have not, please return your completed invoice along with your check made out to CDPOA as soon as possible. Payments received after March 1, 2024, are subject to a late fee of \$15 (%5) per month in arrears. If you have any questions about your invoice, call Jerdone Davis (864-650-0204). If you have questions about the optional TV package, call Eldon Blust (864-710-5224).

Board Meeting Highlights

- Kurt Kruysman, Risk Reduction Specialist for Clemson/CU Fire Department, introduced several programs available to homeowners. The board will send residents more information as we receive it.
- The lot at 40 Hickory has been cleared.
- The Common Properties Committee (CPC) is researching guidelines for trimming limbs from common property and from neighbors' trees.
- The CPC is exploring ways to control runoff in the Woodland Walk stream and the stream on the lower end of Downs Loop.
- Please observe the "Slow Down in the Downs" signs and remind your visitors that the speed limit in Clemson Downs is 25 mph.
- The telephone directory should be delivered this month. Please make sure your flyer box is fit to receive it!

ARC Reminders



Your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will meet Tuesday, March 5, at 10:00 am upstairs in the small conference room at 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, or 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 for calling one of us.

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 entire Board, which meets March 12, for final approval. Your approved application will then be returned to you, and your project can begin. You can download an application form from our website at www.cdpoa.com—*About Us—Architectural Review—Architectural Review Application Form.*

Condolences

Our sympathies and condolences to the family and many Downs friends of Marge Olthoff, who passed away early Saturday morning at age 101+. To remember and honor our friend Marge, there will be a gathering held at her home at 316 Downs Boulevard on March 8, 2024, between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. You are invited to bring photos and memories to share with her family.

Property Issues

If you have any concerns about Clemson Downs properties, including the medians in the streets (which are owned by the city of Clemson) please do not contact the staff at Clemson Area Retirement Center (the apartments, etc., known as CARC). Instead, contact the chair of the Clemson Downs Property Owners (CDPOA) Common Properties Committee, Nancy Palisin, at 843-630-1825. She will coordinate with other involved groups to address your concerns.

Telephone Directory

Directories should be arriving in your flyer box this month! If you don't have a flyer box or if it will not hold a directory, you may not receive the directory, so please make sure your flyer box is in good repair.

Additions

Charles & Carol Shuler, 33 Hickory Way | 864-710-9585 (Carol); 864-710-7505 (Charles) | charlesshuler@icloud.com; cwsbrwc@gmail.com

Fire Safety

In light of the recent fire here at Clemson Downs, the Fire Department of Clemson University & the city of Clemson has reached out to offer a special program on fire safety. Captain Kurt Kruysman, Risk Reduction Specialist for Clemson/CU Fire Department, will be here on Thursday, March 21 at 2 pm in the large conference room at the Corley Center to teach us more about fire safety, fall risk reduction, and other safety concerns. He will address what we can do and what the fire department can do to reduce risk.

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FRIDAY

Don't Forget Our First Friday Get-Together

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 1st and join us at the lower level of the Corley Center for First Friday. Come celebrate the wearing of the green! Hosts are Denny & Carol Walling. Just bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share. Please wear your name tag.

FYI—For Your Information

Save April 9th!

The Spring Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th, 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. (Social Hour is from 5:15 to 5:45; buffet will start at 5:45). The event will be in the Clemson Downs Dining Room. Flyers with more information will go out soon--Fran Moseley, Nancy Portnow, Scarlett Thayer, chairs

Save
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Date

Note from Ruth & Don Heringa, 1 Little Lane

Ruth and Don Heringa want to express their appreciation to the Clemson Downs community for all their support--offers to help, meals, cards, and well wishes following Ruth's recent fall. We will never forget your many kindnesses. Note: while moving into their new home, Ruth fell through the attic floor onto the garage floor, resulting in many breaks and injuries. She is making a speedy recovery.

New Phone Number Format

When you get your new directory, you will notice something a little different about the telephone number listings. The Public Service Commission of South Carolina has created a new area code (821) for the upstate of South Carolina. This new 821 area code will cover the same geographic area as the current 864 area code but will only affect **new** telephone numbers. All **existing** South Carolina customers will retain their area code and will not need to change telephone numbers. However, beginning in June 2024, everyone in the upstate will be required to dial all ten digits (area code plus the number) when calling within the area covered by the current 864 and new 821 area codes. Optional ten-digit dialing will be enabled in January 2024, with mandatory ten-digit dialing beginning in June 2024.



The Gazebo

The Gazebo is a lovely place to gather, especially as spring arrives and the days lengthen. There is an abundance of blooming plants and budding trees to greet you there. If you want to reserve the Gazebo for a specific time and event, contact Gary Newkirk--ngary@clemson.edu; home phone 864-986-4933 or cell 828-577-1786. This information will also be listed on the back of the new Clemson Downs Directory.

Things to Remember




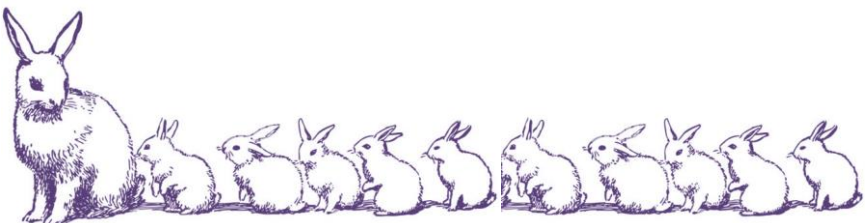
City of Clemson

The City of Clemson email list is a wonderful way to keep up with events in Clemson. You'll get notice of road work, special events, classes, and much more. Go to the City of Clemson website at www.clemsoncity.org. Click on *How Do I...* in the upper right corner and choose *Email List Sign-up*.

Cigarette Butts

We have noticed an increase in cigarette butts littering our streets. If you have a lawn maintenance company or other contractors working at your house, please ask your contractors to take their cigarette butts with them. Or be a good neighbor and provide a small can (like a used food tin can) for them to use to dispose of their butts. Help us keep our neighborhood clean! Thank you.

March 2024

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					First Friday 4-6 pm Corley Ctr.	
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Notes:

Save the date!

The spring social will be Tuesday, April 9th. Look for more details in your flyer box soon! Thank you to the Spring Social Committee: Nancy Portnow, Fran Moseley, and Scarlett Thayer.

April 2024

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