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## **Covington Lake Cryer**

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## **COVINGTON LAKE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**



Our garage sale was May 14th. The weather was perfect and we hope that everybody participating had a successful day. Please take a moment and give us your opinion regarding the garage sale

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Please  
Be  
Careful  
This Summer



## **60TH Annual Sun Fun Festival**



Organization:  
Myrtle Beach Area  
Chamber of Com-

merce  
From: 6/3/2011 to:  
6/4/2011  
Kickoff to summer  
long Sun Fun Festi-  
val. Food vendors,  
arts/craft vendors,  
free huge kids zone,  
rides and games, ce-

lebrity meet & greet.  
This is a "Kid  
Friendly" Event  
Location: Grand  
Park at Market  
Common  
Phone: 843-626-7444  
Web: [www.SunFunFestival.com](http://www.SunFunFestival.com)



## TREE PRUNING REQUIREMENTS FOR SIDEWALKS AND STREETS

**If** you have a tree planted in your landscape and the tree branches overhang the front sidewalk and/or the street, there are certain ordinance requirements by the State of South Carolina and Horry County regarding public access under that tree.

You may have noticed that not all lots in Covington Lake have a tree planted in the area between the sidewalk and the street. Early in the development of Covington Lake you were allowed to plant a tree along the street. Horry County restricted these plantings for later home permits because county ordinances changed and these trees were going to cause future damage to the street curbing and the sidewalks. If you have a tree that is

planted in the space between the sidewalk and the street curb and it dies, you will not be allowed to replant a tree in that area again. If you do not have a tree planted between your sidewalk and the street, **DO NOT** plant a tree now. You will be in violation of Horry County restrictions. Our streets are dedicated to the County and we must abide by their requirements.

Here are the specifics of the pruning requirements for sidewalks and streets:

Tree Ordinances In South Carolina

South Carolina Forestry Commission

October 2003

*12.2.1. Pruning*

Tree pruning shall be done in accordance with current professional standards (ANSI A300). The following clearances shall be maintained through routine pruning.



**Seven (7) feet above sidewalks and walkways.  
Twelve (12) feet above residential streets.**

Please keep your trees pruned to these clearances so that your neighbors do not get their eyes poked out walking on the sidewalk (especially after dark) and vehicles do not receive damage from low hanging branches in the street.

***Why create potential homeowner insurance issues over minor maintenance of pruning your trees?***

## Are you planning to purchase fireworks for July 4th ?

**A**s long as you are taking the fireworks someplace other than Covington Lake, go ahead and make your purchase.

**DO NOT** plan to use fireworks in Covington Lake for the 4th or any other occasion now and in the future. This is also how fires get started.



We are a fireworks free development registered in Horry County subject to

County fines.

**COVENANTS—Article 2, Section 20. Firearms and Fireworks.**

No firearms or fireworks of any

variety shall be discharged upon the Lots or Common Areas. The term "firearms" shall include, without limitation, guns, "B-B" guns and pellet guns.

The Covington Lake fines are:

1st occurrence = \$100

2nd occurrence = \$200

3rd occurrence = \$300

## 4th of July Celebrations on the Grand Strand

### **North Myrtle Beach July Fourth Celebration**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireworks display at The Cherry Grove Fishing Pier is scheduled for **9:30 pm** on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The pier is located at 3500 N. Ocean Blvd. in the Cherry Grove section of North Myrtle Beach. The Pier spans  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile off of the coastal shore, adjacent to the Prince Resort. This makes for a beautiful display and along with the other activities, this event is certainly a memorable

evening for the entire family.

This event is free and open to the public, so come out, bring a beach chair and enjoy July 4<sup>th</sup> at the beach! For more info call the North Myrtle Beach Chamber toll free 866-805-5642 .

### **City of Myrtle Beach Independence Day Celebration**

Broadway at the Beach, between 21st and 29th avenues North on U.S. 17 Bypass, fireworks start at

**10 p.m.**

Second Avenue Pier, 110 N. Ocean Blvd., fireworks start at **9:30 p.m.**

BB&T Coastal Field, 1251 21st Avenue North, fireworks following the Pelicans baseball game  
The Market Common, Valor Park on Farrow Parkway, **9 p.m.** fireworks as part of the Italian Festival



## OPINION @ COVINGTONLAKEPOA.COM RECEIVED FROM HOMEOWNER

**M**y husband and I have lived at XXXX Clandon Drive for over 6 years. We work a great deal in our yard and also take walks in the late afternoons. We have almost been hit ourselves on numerous occasions by residents of our community speeding down our street. I have reported it to the Board Members, the Homeowner's Association, and the Horry County Police. I have been told by everyone that the county and the homeowners association does not have the funding for this. I agree with everyone else, something must be done before someone be-

comes a victim of a careless act of speeding. I understand that the board wants to install the salt solution for the pool instead of chlorine, but I also know that it is very costly. I think that it would be much more beneficial to take that money and at least put two speed bumps on Clandon Drive and two on Covington Drive. Before an innocent child, a walker, runner, or bicyclist is gunned down by a speeding vehicle, please do something about this problem before it is too late.

**If you have an opinion, let us know at:**  
[Opinion@covingtonlakepoa.com](mailto:Opinion@covingtonlakepoa.com)

***Reply:** Dear homeowner, Thank you for your input regarding the speed bumps and the pool. As a matter of clarification, the pool conversion was not a voluntary option—this was a requirement by S. Carolina DHEC because of the high cyanaric acid level in our water caused by the chlorine sticks. Our only option was whether we would use a liquid chlorine or a salt system. We are still reviewing our financial options regarding the speed*



## How to Control Mosquitoes in Your Yard and Home

**K**eep your gutters clean and free of debris and water. The Culex mosquito (known for carrying the West Nile virus) is attracted to moist decaying leaves.

Empty all containers including container lids, dog bowls, plant dishes, or anything that holds even small amounts of water. Get in the habit of turning any container that can hold water upside down or tilt it so the water drains off.

Wear loose fitting and light colored clothing that covers

your skin. Any clothing that is tight (such as lycra bike shorts) can be bitten through by mosquitoes. If you will be wearing tight clothing apply a fabric repellent spray to the clothing and skin repellent spray to your exposed skin. Do not wear perfume, hair-sprays, aftershave or other aromatic type products when spending time outside. It will attract mosquitoes and other bugs.

Dump anything that holds water twice per week if it has rained. Birdbaths, non-chlorinated wading pools,

footbaths, garbage can lids, and pottery will all attract breeding mosquitoes. Remember to empty the saucers under your flower pots, and don't leave water in pet bowls for more than two days.

Keep this from happening to you.  
 CDC/Robert S. Craig





## Fourth of July

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The words may be hidden in any direction.

N L I S G D Y R O T S I H A G I  
 L B R T A D W V G C M N P N T N  
 A N T R H M Q E D F O R A R E F  
 V D I E Q P E E D I N T C H C I  
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 I B H B Y A D I L O H R B A N F  
 C E P A T R I O T I S M G R I U  
 M U U I P Z F R E E D O M L A E  
 S N O O L L A B L C I N C I P B

AMERICA	FIREWORKS	NATIONAL ANTHEM
BALLOONS	FLAG	PARADE
BARBECUE	FREEDOM	PATRIOTISM
BASEBALL	GREAT BRITAIN	PICNIC
CARNIVAL	HISTORY	RED WHITE BLUE
CELEBRATION	HOLIDAY	STREAMERS
DEMOCRACY	INDEPENDENCE	

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**Covington Lake  
Property Owner  
Association**

**We're on the Web!**  
**covingtonlakepoa.com**



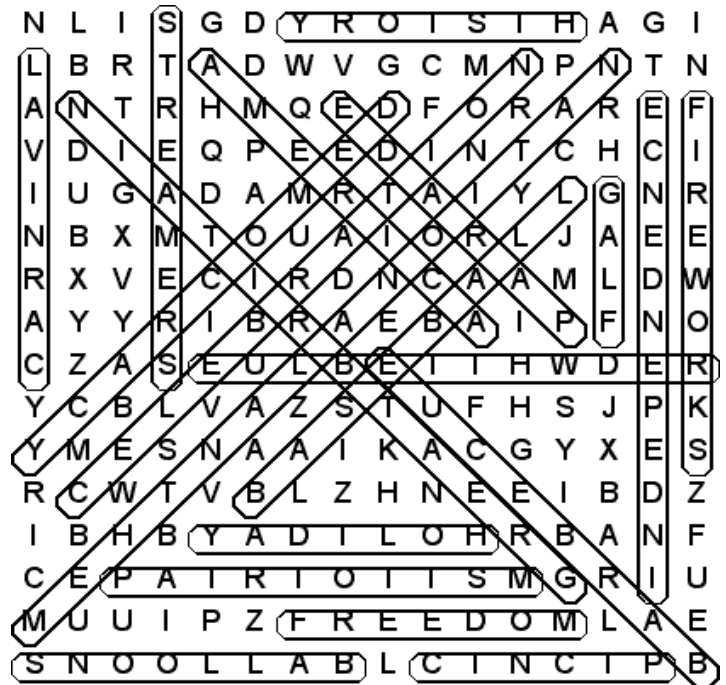
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**Solution to Puzzle on Page 5**



**Trailers are not authorized to be stored in drive-ways, streets or vacant lots within Covington Lake. ARTICLE 2—SECTION 15 of the Covenants.**

**PINE STRAW MULCH WARNING**



**F**ires throughout the U.S. have caused many state and local fire marshals to re-evaluate building codes and restrict the use or storage of pine straw in proximity to buildings because of its risk as a fire hazard.

The southern U.S. has had particularly large issues with wild-

fires due to pine use. Wildfires burn an average of 30,000 acres annually in South Carolina and about 5.3 million acres nationwide. In the largest single blaze in South Carolina, 30,000 acres burned in 1976.

A 2009 wildfire scorched 20,000 acres in the area of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and destroyed 76 homes. Losses were estimated at \$16 million. Investigators determined that the homes were lost due to flames igniting pine straw around foundations and burning through soffits into

attic areas.

Pine straw is a traditional and very popular ground cover in the southeastern U.S., particularly in the Carolinas. It's attractive and helps soil retain moisture. One of its drawbacks, however, is flammability.

**If you are using pine straw up against your foundation, you may want to reconsider the use of this product so close to your home.**