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# COVINGTON LAKE CRYER



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**Covington Lake invasion by Chickweed**  
See story on page 3

**NEW PICNIC TABLE, BENCHES, AND LITTER  
CONTAINER INSTALLED AT PLAYGROUND AREA.**



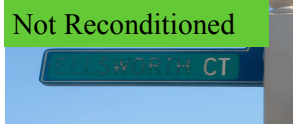
Parents now have a place to sit or picnic if they want to take their small children down to the playground area. Please use the litter container for debris.



## The recondition process has started on our street signs

After looking at the cost to have a sign company recondition and paint our street signs, it was decided that the Association would do the painting

and reconditioning. If you notice a sign missing on a post - you'll know why.



We have ordered new name decals for all of the signs that have deteriorated or are illegible.



## Vehicle Break-In's in Covington Lake - Email sent out 8/16/2010

This summer there have been a number of vehicle break-in's at night in Covington Lake.

Unfortunately, from what the POA has been told, the majority of these residents did not report this to the Horry County Police.

The break-ins that the POA has heard about have been primarily to unsecured / unlocked vehicles with no damage incurred but items stolen from the inside of the vehicles.

The obvious solution would be to garage vehicles at night but if you are unable to do that, please secure any vehicles left in the driveway and leave your garage lights on all night.

A resident on Ellsworth Dr. reported to the POA that last Wednesday night 8-11 they returned home at around 11:00 pm and noticed

(2) two young black males standing in front of a neighbors house on the sidewalk but then immediately started walking away towards Carolina Forest Blvd. when these residents pulled in their driveway. These young males may be coming through perimeter backyards from either Springlake or Walker Woods or even be from Covington Lake and are targeting these unlocked vehicles.

Unfortunately, if property owners will not contact the police and file reports, we have a difficult time asking the police for additional patrols if their records do not show any reported problem of vehicle break-in's in the neighborhood.

**We would also like more residents to supply Premier Management with their email addresses so that we have a quick and efficient**

**way to communicate with the homeowners on important issues like this. When talking to your neighbors in Covington Lake, ask them to make sure that we have a valid email address on record with pmgrp@sccoast.net or president@covingtonlakepoa.com.**

Keep your vehicles locked and please report any suspicious activity to the Horry County Police - don't be afraid to use 911.

## **UPDATE**

August 29, 2010

A Covington Drive resident near Stonemason Dr. had his generator stolen from his garage in broad daylight on August 28th while he was working in the back yard. Unfortunately, he left his garage door open while in the back yard. He did file a police report with Horry County Police.

## **SEWER AND UTILITY EASEMENTS IN YOUR SIDE YARDS**

Coastal Pond Solutions recently made a request to put their boat in the rear lake for maintenance. When we looked at the available 20 ft. easements between yards to have them back their boat down to the water, we found

that some property owners have planted trees and large shrubs inside of the easement right-of-way. The covenants specifically state that you must not plant in the easements. Premier Management will look at all of the development plats

and any property owner that has an easement on their side yard and has planted trees or shrubs or structures will be receiving a letter requiring removal or relocation of these items from the right-of way. This will be mandatory.

## CHICKWEED TAKES OVER CENTIPEDE LAWNS IN COVINGTON LAKE

Common chickweed is a shallow fibrous rooted winter annual which grows well in moist shaded areas but will also grow in sun. The leaves are



small, smooth, pointed at the tip and elliptic in shape. They are opposite on branching creeping stems, which root at the nodes. Chickweed adapts well to different mowing heights.

Paul Johnson from Casey's Lawn Care recommends these two liquid products carefully mixed with water to spray and kill chickweed:

**Trimec® Southern Broadleaf Herbicide** or **SpeedZone® Southern Broadleaf Herbicide for Turf**.

Paul says not to spray in hot weather (high 80's or 90's) because the herbicide will not be effective so you need to wait until it is cooler.

Do not irrigate within 24 hours of application,

Do not use these products on or near desirable plants.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A SEPARATE NEWSLETTER IN EARLY OCTOBER THAT WILL BE FOCUSED ON TURFGRASS AND LANDSCAPING INFORMATION**

## TRIM YOUR TREES THAT HANG OVER THE SIDEWALKS & STREETS

It is just a matter of courtesy to your fellow neighbors to allow a walker or jogger the ability to remain on the sidewalk without having to veer into your grass or the street. To ensure safe passage for everyone, tree limbs over streets and sidewalks must meet safety standards. All intersections must have clear visibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, even if no traffic signs or

signals are present. If the Association is notified that there might be a visibility problem at your corner or low hanging branches, we will contact you as a reminder to keep nearby trees and shrubs trimmed. If you do not perform the necessary trimming in a timely manner, the Association



will have the work done and your account will be charged for the cost.

Here are the SC State requirements for encroachment of trees:

- When a tree abuts a sidewalk, its limbs must be 7 feet above the surface.
- When a tree abuts a local street, its limbs must be 12 feet above the surface.

## The Biggest Loser Event Challenge

The Biggest Loser Event Challenge is a nationwide series of 5K and one mile events for Americans of all fitness levels, and the kick-off event is right here in Myrtle Beach on Saturday, September 25. Biggest Loser trainer Bob Harper and

past contestants will participate in this inaugural event. The 5K starts at 8:00 a.m. on Ocean Boulevard between Eighth and Ninth Avenues North, runs south along Ocean Boulevard, through Family Kingdom Amusement Park

and finishes on the boardwalk between near Ninth Avenue North. The one mile challenge starts at 8:30 a.m. on Ocean Boulevard. For more information on the event and to register, go to <http://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com>.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Due to the recent rash of open car break-in's and open garage theft, the Board of Directors is planning a "Neighborhood Watch" meeting down at the pool in October. We will invite Sergeant Powell or Sergeant Carr from the Horry County Police. We will offer a rain date as well.

Possible agenda discussion items :

- Types of crimes - times of day or night - what would be effective deterrents
- Formation of Block Captains Lists - to be put on the web site (followed by process discussions)
- Email and Phone pyramid lists for Captains, and reports of possible issues
- Stressing the importance of reporting the small crimes to the police
- Entrance to Covington Lakes, walking, biking, cars
- Possible Camera uses
- How to spot a threat
- What to do when you do spot a threat

We will send a notice to all residents if we have a email address. If you are not receiving emails from Covington Lake you need to send your email address to

[president@covingtonlakepoa.com](mailto:president@covingtonlakepoa.com)

## \*Legal Clinic: Wills, Estates and Probate\*

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6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 30

Chapin Memorial Library

The South Carolina Bar will sponsor a free legal clinic on Wills, Estates and Probate

at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 30, at Chapin Memorial Library. The clinic will consist of a 30 to 45 minute lecture, followed by an open question-and-answer session. For more information or to sign up, call 843-918-

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**Whether you say goodbye to it with a sigh of relief or of regret, this much we can say about summer 2010: It's been a hot one**

## DUMPING YARD DEBRIS IN VACANT LOTS



There are still a few residents that have no respect for private property and continue to dump their

grass and landscape waste on common ground or vacant lots. Dumping is environmentally detrimental, as well as being unfair to those doing their fair share to recycle yardwaste. In the interest of the environment and out of fairness to all,

those that are seen or reported dumping will be fined \$100 for first offense and \$200 if a second offense.

Horry County allows you to bring your yard waste to any of their Recycle Centers and is a free service. to residents.

# KIDS CORNER

## The Beach

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

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

BEACH BALL

BOAT

CLOUDS

KITE

LIFEGUARD

OCEAN

PAIL

SAILING

SAND

— SEASHELL

SKY

STARFISH

SUN

SURFBOARD

SWIMMING

— SWIMSUIT

WATER

WAVES

Answers to this puzzle on Page 6



Covington Lake  
Carolina Forest  
Myrtle Beach, SC. 29579

Phone: 843-293-7447  
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**Summer Adoption Specials on Cats and Dogs  
Grand Strand Humane Society located at  
3241 Mr. Joe White Avenue**

All potential adopters must be approved. Adoption includes spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations and a micro-chip. For more information, call 843-918-4916

This is the solution to the puzzle located on Page 5



*How do you prevent  
sagging?*

*Just eat till  
the wrinkles fill out!*

**Myrtle Beach Events & Happenings  
Around the Grand Strand**

September Events

Atalaya Arts and Crafts Festival  
Paws Across the Water Duck Race  
St. John's Greek Festival  
Oktoberfest in Little River  
Pawley's Island Festival of Music and  
Art  
Italian Festival  
SOS Fall Migration

October Events

Shrimp & Jazz Festival, Little River  
Loris Bog-Off  
Carolina Heritage Festival and Beach  
Party  
Myrtle Beach Fall Motorcycle Rally  
Oktoberfest German Festival  
South Carolina International Chili Cook-  
Off