

COMMUNITY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 2012

The Board has received 2 inquiries in regards to the installation of the new fence being installed around the pool. The fence needed to be replaced for several reasons. The first and most important is the fact that young people have been "jumping" the fence and going into the pool when it's closed. Recently 2 kids not only entered the pool area, but brought their dog in. If the dog had gone into the water, by law, the pool would have to be drained and cleaned. More importantly, we want to absolutely avoid a tragedy, as well as any legal exposure to the POA. Another reason is the never ending repair and/or replacement of the lights on the fence posts. It seems as if some people think it's "cute" to vandalize YOUR property. As you may notice, those lights have been replaced by 1 light pole. Also, at present, there is a chain locking the gate at night and open to all during pool hours. We are replacing this with a automatic lock that requires a code to enter. Thereby, helping to prevent non residents from entering.

The pompus grass has also been removed to eliminate the constant maintenance. These will be replaced with bushes that will be more attractive and require less attention.

The lakes are another issue the Board has been working on. In order to prevent as much foliage as possible from growing, we raised the water level, however, the lack of rain has hindered our efforts. In addition, we had several fountains out for repair, plus we are in the process of installing a new meter and fountain. In order to be within the law, we have to wait for Santee Cooper and Horry County to perform an inspection. For those that have dealt with these folks, it is not an over night process. Also, we are going to start cutting trees and bushes to reduce the debris entering the lakes. Let us assure you that many other developments are in the same "boat" The weather hasn't been kind to any lakes, but let us also assure you that everything that can be done is being done.

Finally, except for a very few neighbors, it was a great 4th of July as far as shooting off fireworks. Thank you all, it is most appreciated, especially since everything is "tinderbox" dry. Some of you may have been aware that a fire was started, not far from the pool, by fireworks from another community. We assume they had no common sense, unlike Covington Lake folks. Again, thank you!!