

# COVINGTON LAKE CRYER

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### Newsletter Committee News



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We hope you are enjoying your quarterly newsletter. There is important information included in each edition. Just a reminder that we are also accepting ads for the very reasonable price of \$10.00 per quarter. This will give you a business card size ad that will be seen by all the owners of Covington Lake.

To include an ad in the next edition, please contact Bill DeWolfe at 236-9296.

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

12/07: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

12/10 - Covington Lake Holiday Party



12/21: First day of Winter

12/25: Christmas Day

12/26 - 01/02: Chanukah/Hanukkah

12/26 - 01/01: Kwanzaa

12/31: New Year's Eve

01/01: New Year's Day

01/16: Martin Luther King Day

02/20: Presidents Day

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday

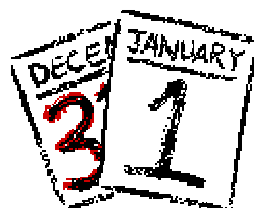
12/10 - Covington Lake Holiday Party.

Separate flyer

should already have been in your mailbox.



A Safe and Happy New Year to all Residents of Covington Lake.



### **A**rchitectural Review Committee

#### Members:

Frank Rizzo -  
241-0731  
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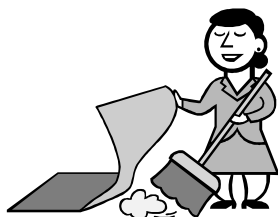


Happy Holidays from  
ARC Committee



### **G**rounds Committee Members:

Barbara Bozeman -  
903-0846  
Jill Nale-  
903-5135  
Todd & Jean Kramer -  
903-0960  
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236-0536  
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Board Liaison



### OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE

Some of our homeowners mention, that it only takes them 15 minutes to sweep up sand and debris by the curb in front of their house. They also make certain that the sewer grates are free of debris that may cause a blockage. (IMPORTANT!) Do you have an extra 15 minutes to make Covington Lake that much better??

The general consensus is, during the past year there has been much improvement in our community appearance, however, there are still a few things we can do to show even more pride in our home and commu-

### CLEAN-UP DAY

We want to thank the following for volunteering to spend 3 hours of their Saturday morning cleaning up our community. Many thanks to: Lona & Yancey Woodward; Al & Kathy DeLuca; Bob & Barb Grace (and our most staunch supporter Boomer Grace); Sandy & Mike

nity. If your trees and bushes are growing over the public sidewalk, please take a few minutes to trim them back so that no-one will get hurt on your property. Edge and trim side



walks, driveways, and curbs. We're sure that many of you have taken walks, and stepped on centipede grass growing on the sidewalks. Doesn't look too good does it? Kill the weeds that are growing through cracks in the sidewalks,



Rohrer; Elaine & Bob Cotell; Marge and Bill DeWolfe and John Lesnansky.

If you weren't able to volunteer this time, perhaps we'll see you at the next one! Coffee, juice and breakfast goodies were enjoyed by all!



driveways etc. If your mail box post looks "tired and worn" go over to Sherwin Williams on Broadway in MB and ask for "Mail Box Bone" You can buy a quart or a gallon. It will take about 20 minutes to repaint, a small amount of time to improve your property.

The bottom line is, we all need to work together to make this the greatest community around, as well as keeping our property values climbing!!!!

If you haven't done so, please check out your web site, [www.covingtonlakepoa.com](http://www.covingtonlakepoa.com) to get the latest news and familiarize yourself with the design guide lines and covenants.



### SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

#### Social Committee:

##### MEMBERS:

Kathy DeLuca	903-1813
Co-Chairperson	
Pat Jones	236-3948
Co-Chairperson	
Dee Bierman	903-1081
Marge DeWolfe	236-9296
Joan Gemmell	903-4603
Melissa Leary	236-7437
Addi Lesansky	236-2976
Mary Lou Swank	903-5367
Mike Ujcich	236-2339
Elizabeth Wills	903-0517
Lona Woodward	236-5626
Allen DeLuca	(Board Liaison)

The Social Committee has worked hard this year to provide activities for all of our homeowners. We hope you had the chance to attend at least one of our functions. If not, here is another opportunity to come out and meet your neighbors.

The Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 10th. Save the date!!!! Look for an upcoming flyer in your mailbox! If you don't find the flyer, please contact Marge DeWolfe (236-9296) or Lona Woodard (236-5626) We hope to see you there!

Please contact any of the social committee members with ideas or suggestions for activities. The Social Committee is working hard on future events - stay tuned.

#### BOARD NEWS

Please join the Board in thanking Butch Raynes for the great job he has done this past year. His hard work and dedication has certainly made a positive impact in Covington Lake. We would also like to welcome Steve Cutshaw to the Board. He will be working hard for you. (No, he will not be handing out money from his job at the bank)

#### GENERAL MEETING ISSUES

The Covington Lake POA general meeting was well received, with many positive comments. There were numerous issues and concerns brought up. It is hoped this issue of the Covington Cryer will give you the answers to your questions.

#### SPEED LIMIT WITHIN OUR DEVELOPMENT

There has been great concern about the number of people that can't seem to abide by the speed limit. It was felt the safety issue should be the most important focus of everyone. The Horry County authorities have begun and will continue to monitor our streets. There have been numerous speeding tickets issued. Don't be the next one getting a ticket, it's just not worth it.

### MYRTLE BEACH AREA FAMILY ADVENTURES—DECEMBER From Myrtle Beach Area Chambers of Commerce Web Site

**Broadway's** Myrtle Beach Holiday Parade .  
12/3/2005 Time: 10:00 AM To benefit  
Toys for Tots. This is a "Kid Friendly" Event  
Web: [www.broadwayatthebeach.com](http://www.broadwayatthebeach.com)

**The Radio City Rockettes'** Christmas Spectacular Organization: Palace Theatre  
From: 12/1/2005 to: 12/11/2005 Web:  
[www.palacetheatremyrtlebeach.com](http://www.palacetheatremyrtlebeach.com)

**Pet Photo Night** Organization: Inlet Square  
Mall 12/11/2005 Time: 6:00 PM Location:

10125 Hwy. 17 Bypass Phone: 843-651-6990

**Rivertown** Christmas Organization: City of  
Conway 12/16/2005 Time: 5:30 PM  
Old fashioned Christmas event with hot  
chocolate, horse drawn sleigh rides, Santa and  
more! Downtown shops open late.  
This is a "Kid Friendly" Event  
Location: Historic Downtown Conway  
Phone: 843-248-6260

Web: [www.conwaymainstreet.com](http://www.conwaymainstreet.com)

#### Fair Warning

**STOP SPEED-  
ING INSIDE  
COVINGTON  
LAKE.**

**MAX SPEED**

**15-20 MPH**





See you in the Spring



### Advertisement

Space

For

Sale

Contact

Bill DeWolfe

236-9296

### Advertisement

## AVON

TO BUY OR SELL

ELIZABETH WILLS, Ind. Sales Rep.

PLEASE CALL: 843-655-2428

Advertisement Space For Sale

Contact Bill DeWolfe

236-9296

### Message from the P.O.A. Board:

#### Covington Lakes POA Board:

President:	Michael Ujcich	236-2339
Vice President:	Allen DeLuca	903-1813
Secretary:	Steve Cutshaw	236-4371
Treasurer:	Bill DeWolfe	236-9296
Liaision:	Mike Domingoes	903-2681

### IMPORTANT REMINDER AGAIN

#### Clean up after your dogs.



If you bring a bag etc. to clean up after your dog, good

for you and thank you! However, the complaints and comments concerning folks that don't, are unfortunately growing. There are laws regulating this issue. There is a number you can call, to have the authorities contact your neighbors to explain the laws and consequences (248-1520)

On a vacant lot, or somebody's lawn, do the right thing, and spend 30 seconds picking up.

Be a good neighbor and treat all other property as you would your own. Wal-Mart carries a product in the pet department called: GRAB-BAGS for dog waste pickup.

There are 40 small plastic bags with tie handles in the package.

### OVERNIGHT PARKING ON STREETS, EMPTY LOTS, PARK- WAYS

Effective 11/1/05 the covenants will be enforced regarding this issue. This includes all construction equipment and personal vehicles. The process is quite simple: A warning letter will be placed on the on the offending vehicle etc. If not corrected, a letter will be sent from the management company. Finally a fine will be assessed. (The fine has not been determined, however, everyone will be notified when this is decided). Even though our streets are under the jurisdiction of Horry County, the covenants su-

persede the county, provided the covenants are not less than Horry County's.

### LETTERS VS. PHONES CALLS REGARDING VIOLATIONS

It was questioned as to why the Board did not make phone calls to a homeowner rather than have a letter sent, which seems less personal. This was addressed by our attorney. Telephone calls may be misconstrued, misunderstood, or forgotten. Letters prevent this, as well as protect all concerned. Letters also afford a viable tracking tool. It was also stressed that our attorney will only become involved if all attempts to resolve issues have failed.

[www.covingtonlakepoa.com](http://www.covingtonlakepoa.com).





## CHRISTMAS FACTS

- ~ The use of a Christmas wreath as a decoration on your front door, mantel or bay window symbolizes a sign of welcome and long life to all who enter.
- ~ Today poinsettias are the most popular Christmas plant and are the number one flowering potted plant in the United States.
- ~ Real Christmas trees are an all-American product, grown in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.
- ~ Most artificial trees are manufactured in Korea, Taiwan, or Hong Kong.
- ~ For every real Christmas tree harvested, 2 to 3 seedlings are planted in its place.
- ~ In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday.
- ~ The biggest selling Christmas single of all time is Bing Crosby's White Christmas.
- ~ Due to the time zones, Santa has 31 hours to deliver gifts? This means that he would have to visit 832 homes each second!
- ~ In 1937, the first postage stamp to commemorate Christmas was issued in Austria.



### Gourmet Sweet Potato Classic

"Once you taste this, you won't ever go back to the marshmallow-topped variety! Either peel and cook in the microwave or boil the sweet potatoes. They taste the same no matter how you cook them. So, use the technique that works best for you!" Original recipe yield: 8 servings.

#### INGREDIENTS:

5 sweet potatoes  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup butter  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 cup white sugar  
2 tablespoons heavy cream  
1/4 cup butter, softened  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar  
1/2 cup chopped pecans

#### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.

Bake sweet potatoes 35 minutes in the preheated oven, or until they begin to soften. Cool slightly, peel, and mash.

In a large bowl, mix the mashed sweet potatoes, salt, 1/4 cup butter, eggs, vanilla extract, cinnamon, sugar, and heavy cream. Transfer to the prepared baking dish.

In a medium bowl, combine 1/4 cup butter, flour, brown sugar, and chopped pecans. Mix with a pastry blender or your fingers to the consistency of coarse meal. Sprinkle over the sweet potato mixture.

Bake 30 minutes in the preheated oven, until topping is crisp and lightly browned.

From: <http://christmas.allrecipes.com/>



## Hanukkah Facts

(khä' nk, —nkä) , in Judaism, the Festival of Lights, the Feast of Consecration, or the Feast of the Maccabees; also transliterated Chanukah. According to tradition, it was instituted by Judas Maccabeus and his brothers in 165 to celebrate the dedication of the new altar in the Temple at Jerusalem. The festival occurs in December near the time of the winter solstice, as does Christmas, and lasts eight days. Hanukkah later came to be linked also with a miraculous cruse of oil that burned for eight days, leading to the practice of lighting special Hanukkah candles, one the first evening, two the second, and so on. The eight-branched candlestand (menorah) used in that ceremony is a frequent symbol for the holiday.

## Kwanzaa Facts

Kwanzaa was created in 1966 in the U.S. by Maulana Karenga, a professor.

The name Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits of the harvest," comes from the African language of Swahili. Many of the new words you will hear associated with Kwanzaa are Swahili words.

During Kwanzaa seven candles are placed in a kinara (kee-nar-rah), which is a wooden candle holder. For each day of Kwanzaa, one candle is lighted to celebrate a special principle. These principles come from beliefs held by families in many parts of Africa.

The seven principles of Kwanzaa are: unity, self-determination, responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

On each of the seven days, families will participate in an activity which symbolizes that day's principle.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Dear Covington Lake Neighbors,

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I would like to extend warmest holiday wishes for you and your family.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have assisted on the various activities that have occurred this year. Their enthusiasm and commitment continue to make Covington Lake a wonderful community we all enjoy.

In the coming year, our mission is to better inform our homeowners, enrich our environment and broaden our sense community involvement. To be successful, I need your involvement. An informed homeowner is one that contributes within his neighborhood. Become active, visit our website, [www.covingtonlakepoa.com](http://www.covingtonlakepoa.com) and feel free to contact any of your Board of Directors with questions you may have. Don't assume, ask and seek the information you need. We are here for you.

Best Wishes,

Michael Ujcich

President