

COVINGTON LAKE CRYER

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Newsletter Committee News



Newsletter Committee

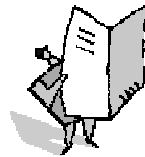
NEW MEMBERS:

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Volunteers Welcome

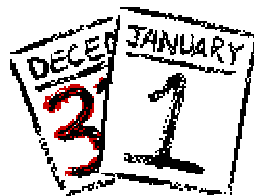
Don't forget that we are accepting ads from our Covington Lake Homeowners who have a business or service that they would like to advertise to other homeowners. For only \$10.00 an issue (for a

business card size ad), your ad will be seen by all of those who receive our newsletter. We are also looking into developing an advertising section on our CL web page.



You can always view this and all prior newsletters on line at www.covingtonlakepoa.com

YOUR suggestions, comments, and feedback are always welcome.



UPCOMING Covington EVENTS



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR A VERY IMPORTANT POA MEETING, TO BE HELD ON 1/13/07 AT 10 AM AT THE HOLIDAY INN WEST.

This meeting will determine the type of procedures that will be utilized to clean up the lakes initially and for future maintenance. It cannot be stressed enough, the importance of correcting the problems now. The lakes add to the appearance of our community, but in reality **THESE ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY** for the proper drainage of storm water, etc. Therefore, this issue is equally important for those who do not live on the lakes as much as for those that do.



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A great time was had by all at the Covington Lake Holiday party. The 44 people that were there witnessed some really GREAT dancers including Rich and Debbie Davis and Rick & Marsha Orencial! We also had some outstanding vocals by the lead karaoke singer Gene Faessler, backed up by the not so great singers, Steve Cutshaw and Bill DeWolfe! Line dancing, great food, meeting new neighbors all added to the fun of the evening. If you didn't attend this year, make it a point to come next year - you won't be sorry! As usual, the Social Committee did a super job!

I want to thank Bob Grace and Marge DeWolfe for their hard work and dedication during the past 2 years in putting together the contents and the format of this newsletter. We have received many compliments on it and we appreciate you taking the time to pass on those words of encouragement.

Volunteerism is a word that everyone has heard many times. Unfortunately it seems that it is always the same group of people volunteering to make our community a nice, friendly, valued place we call home. Due to the "retirement" of some of the volunteers, all committees are looking to welcome new neighbors to continue the work that has been started.

There are a number of committees where YOU can make a difference - the Social Committee, the Pool Committee, the Newsletter Committee, the Grounds Committee and the ARC Committee. Please call any of the board members to be put in contact with the liaison for the committee you would like to serve on.

We have discovered some vandalism in the common area on Covington Drive, including holes dug, branches cut and items hanging on the trees. Assorted shovels, rakes, clippers and knives were left at the site, which were put in the trash. Parents please remind your children that not only is it against the covenants to vandalize - it is against the law and will not be tolerated. Also please remember that vacant lots ARE privately owned and there is no trespassing or dumping on these areas.

Congratulations and GOOD LUCK to the new Board members Andrea Wood and Jill Nale.

On a personal note, this will be my final newsletter. I have enjoyed contributing to this important method of communication for our community. Our goal has been to make this informational, interesting and fun to read, while passing along pertinent and worthwhile community news! I am confident that the homeowner who takes on this endeavor will also appreciate your support.

I also want to say that it has been my privilege to serve on your Board for the past 2 years, however, I decided not run again. Looking at the big picture, I am sure most everyone will agree there have been numerous improvements in Covington Lake and I am confident the new Board will strive to continue this trend.

Let's all continue to work to make Covington Lake, the BEST community for our families. Thanks, and see you around the neighborhood!

Happy Holidays.

Bill DeWolfe



Events From Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Web Site

Dates to Remember

Social Commit-
tee:

NEW MEMBERS:

TBA

Volunteers Welcome

Architectural
Review Committee

NEW MEMBERS:

TBA

Volunteers Welcome

Grounds
Committee

NEW MEMBERS:

TBA

Volunteers Welcome

Dean Martin's Special New Year's Eve

Organization: The Palace Theatre

From: 12/31/2006 to: 12/31/2006

Time: 9:30 PM to 12:30 PM

Bring in the New Year with Dean Martin and guests. Dancing, champagne, specialty desserts and Times Square Ball Drop - a night of music, memories and fun. Special guests....The Twelve Irish Tenors.

Location: 1420 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Phone: 843 626-8927

Web: www.palacetheatremyrtlebeach.com



I Can't Stop Loving You

Organization: The Palace Theatre

From: 1/12/2007 to: 1/13/2007

Time: 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

This tribute brings the music of Ray Charles to life. The dazzling Broadway-style revue features 35 songs that were either written or interpreted by Ray during his extraordinary 50-year career!

Location: 1420 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Phone: 843 626-8924

Web: palacetheatremyrtlebeach.com

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



VERY IMPORTANT

If your information listed in the Covington Lake Property Owner's Directory is not complete or incorrect, please send in the information card that you received with your payment book ASAP. We will then update the directory on the web site on a regular basis.



More upcoming Myrtle Beach Events

Myrtle Beach Stamp &
Postcard Show

Organization: Myrtle
Beach Stamp Club

From: 2/3/2007 to:
2/4/2007

Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00
PM

15th Annual Show **Free**
admission & appraisals
Exhibits Beginners wel-
come Stamps & picture
postcards for all levels
of collecting Show cover
and special cancel avail-
able

This is a "Kid Friendly"
Event

Location: Holiday Inn
West

Phone: 843-347-0087



**SPEED
CAN
KILL**

**SPEED LIMIT WITHIN
OUR DEVELOPMENT IS
15-20 MPH**

Safety **MUST** be everyone's
main concern,

What's the Rush ?

Advertisement

Rich Davis-Homeowners Helper
903-6908 or Cell 902-4546
Small Jobs Only & Pressure Washing

Advertisement

For sale

2 Karastan rugs 6x9 each
2 Turkish Rugs 7x10 3x10
Bill Bethea 236-3478

Advertisement

For Sale:

Brand New Carpeting and Pad
2 Mirrors
Call: Maria at 236-9825

Answers to Christmas Quiz On Page 6

1. A klaxon is actually a powerful elec-
tric horn. Its name comes from a Ger-
man word meaning "shriek".
2. In ancient Scandinavia, mistletoe
was associated with peace and friend-
ship. That may account for the custom
of "kissing beneath the mistletoe".
3. *A Christmas Carol* tells the story of
one harrowing Christmas Eve in the life
of a miser named Ebenezer Scrooge.
The book was an instant hit, and Dick-
ens wrote a new Christmas story each
year from then on.

More upcoming Myrtle Beach Events

5th Annual Free Family Day-Chinese
New Year- Year of the Pig

Organization: The Art Museum

From: 2/10/2007 to: 2/10/2007

Time: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

An array of events from Chopstick
lessons, face painting to discussions
on tai chi and Chinese Medicine. The
Day begins & ends with the Lion
Dance. **Free to all.**

This is a "Kid Friendly" Event

Location: 3100 S. Ocean Blvd. Myrtle
Beach, SC 29577

Phone: 843-238-2510

www.MyrtleBeachArtMuseum.org

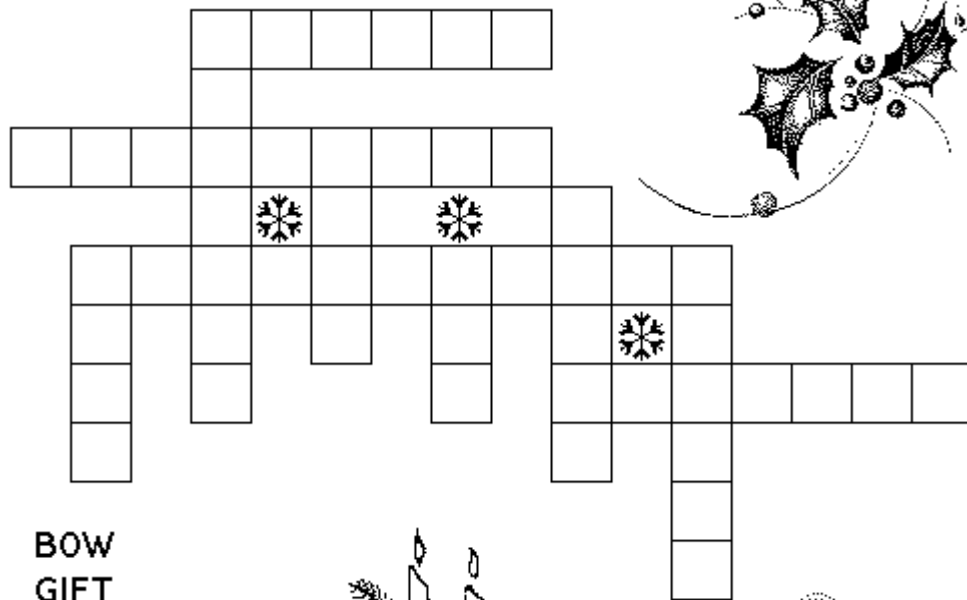


MISSION STATEMENT OF P.O.A. BOARD

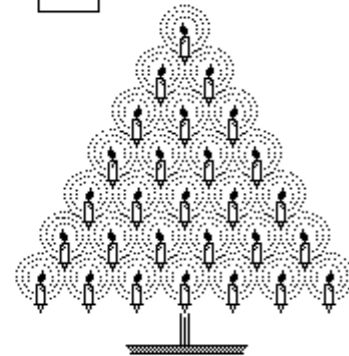
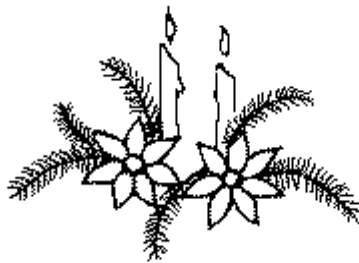
TO UPHOLD AND MAINTAIN THE COVENANTS AND BY-LAWS OF OUR
COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE RESIDENTIAL QUALITY AND
PROPERTY VALUE ENHANCEMENT.

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



BOW
GIFT
TREE
PEACE
FAMILY
DINNER
CANDLES
FRIENDS
CHRISTMAS
GINGERBREAD





Kid's Christmas Quiz

1. Know your reindeer

Which of these names does NOT belong to one of Santa's reindeer?

- A) Comet
- B) Prancer
- C) Blitzen
- D) Klaxon



2. Planting kisses under kissing plant

At Christmas, it is traditional to exchange kisses beneath a sprig of which plant?

- A) Ivy
- B) Yew
- C) Holly
- D) Mistletoe



3. Who crafted that carol?

One of the most loved Christmas books is *A Christmas Carol*. Who wrote it?

- A) Mark Twain
- B) Charles Dickens
- C) Hans Christian Andersen
- D) Thomas M. Sawyer





The following 4 items were the top priorities (as ranked by the homeowners) from a 2005 survey:

Lake Cleanup Lake Aeration Lake Fountains
Front Entrance Landscaping upgrade

Using this information, the board took this into consideration as it planned the 2007 budget since the 2006 budget was in place prior to the 2005 meeting.

Our annual expense line total of \$109,560 requires an operating budget of the same figure. The Board carefully reviewed all requests, expenses and worked up several budget proposals. The 2007 quarterly assessments of \$110.00 are up from \$79.00 last year, which is necessary to support the projects important to maintaining the quality of our community. The surrounding neighborhoods in our community continue to expand with many new competing developments. Even with our fee increase, we will continue to have one of the lowest fee rates in the Carolina Forest area.

Our Budget plan is broken into 4 areas of expense. A comparison of the 2006 projected with the 2007 plan follows:

Repairs and Maintenance	39,402 projected in 2006 vs. 66,391 plan in 2007
General and Admin:	33,225 projected in 2006 vs. 31,175 plan in 2007
Utilities:	8,785 projected in 2006 vs. 9,675 plan in 2007
Other Expenses (Reserves)	1,762 projected in 2006 vs. 2,319 plan in 2007
Total:	83,174 projected in 2006 vs. 109,560 plan in 2007

A detail of these accounts is attached.

From the November 28 meeting, a detailed breakout of the proposed landscape improvements has been included.

Account **#0440** last year contained our landscape contract for lawn care (Casey's Lawn Service) along with plant materials, mulch, and fertilizer and irrigation repairs.



In 2007, this account was split into two accounts. **#0443** is our landscape contract services (Casey's Lawn Service) and **#0440** for plant materials and supplies.

In 2006, account **#0440** contained the Casey bill of **\$18,960** and **\$4,269** was spent on materials.

In 2007, account **#0443** is 19,000 and account **#0440** is 25,016. A breakdown of account **#0440** for 2007 is as follows:

Front Entrance	Rework electrical service \$800
	Repair and/or replace sprinkler heads \$300
	Plantings \$6,500
	Total \$7,600.

Islands	Sprinkler system \$3500
	Water meter (3/4") \$1850
	Electrical service \$1500
	Bushes & sod \$3000
	Total \$6,385

Pool Area	Chord grass for berm \$1200
	Tempo sprinkler system \$250
	Total \$1,450

Common Area	Mulch \$1276
	Pine straw \$2400
	Fertilizer & weed/insect control \$2440
	Total \$6,116