



# WATERSIDE CROSSING NEWS

August 2018

## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Once again, we would like to inform all owners that we are changing financial management services. The person who had handled our account for several years left the company and we have not been impressed with the service of the person who replaced her. We were forced to interview new firms and choose one of them. We believe that the new service will be superior to the old and solve the recently occurring issues. We ask your patience as we change over starting in the next few months. We don't anticipate any major problems since we are at mid-year and billing and elections are already complete. Naturally we will try to keep issues at a minimum.

I would like to devote the bulk of this newsletter to something I have written about before. Over the past year, the largest number of complaints coming to the Board has involved what I call neighbor disputes. We are getting an increased number of requests to intervene with neighbors of existing residents.

The fact is that we are growing rapidly. We presently have 23 homes under construction in Waterside. This comes with mixed blessings. The good news is that we are an attractive development and as we near build-out, all of our property values should increase. The bad news is that we now may have neighbors much closer than we did when we were the only house on the street or cul-de-sac. So I would make the following observations and requests of all in the community. Our rules are all readily available on the website. If you think our rules or covenants are being violated, please review them on the website. If you do not find a rule on the website, it does not exist. So please do not then call a Board member and suggest a new rule to cover your situation. If you feel strongly about the issue, first I would suggest that you invite your neighbor for a cold beverage and that you sit and talk about the issue. Only if that fails should you then contact the sheriff's department for legal intervention.

Your Board is here to try to facilitate the smooth running of our development. We are not here to act as policemen. We are not inclined to pass rules that then put us in that role. Case in point; people periodically complain about a neighbor burning yard waste on a windy day. It has been suggested that we make a rule if we didn't have one about this issue. The County does have rules about such matters. In general, you can burn yard waste, but there are times of fire hazard that it is prohibited. So, it follows that if we had such a rule, how would it be enforced? Essentially you would observe a fire and then call a Board member that would have to go to your neighbor and tell them to stop. Our normal method of enforcement is fines. Fines can be levied without dispute when a physical rule is violated, such as an improper mailbox or painting the house bright pink. These are easily discernible rules that can be documented and acted on over the course of normal WSC business.

But smoky fires and barking dogs and stray dogs as well as fireworks are all examples of things that occur and then are gone quickly. As a Board we cannot levy fines on one neighbor just because another neighbor alleges that they broke a rule. So, I hope that you can see that this could only work if Board members were available at a moment's notice to respond to such complaints. And they are not.

So my requests; I would ask everyone to consider our growth situation. It will never again be as quiet in WSC as it was ten years ago when some of us first built. It is just like Highway 123. It's more crowded than it was a while ago. As you consider this growth, ask yourself if you are being reasonable about what is annoying you before you call a Board member or the sheriff.

But if you feel that the behavior is too much, please first go knock on the neighbor's door and in a very calm voice, invite them for that cold beverage and discuss the issue.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10 <sup>th</sup> -	Cocktails at the Clubhouse @ 6:00pm WSC Clubhouse
August 18 <sup>th</sup> -	HOA Quarterly Meeting @ 10:00am WSC Clubhouse
October 13 <sup>th</sup> -	Octoberfest @ 5:30pm WSC Clubhouse

### WELCOME TO WATERSIDE

If you notice a new neighbor moving in or you are a new neighbor, please be sure to alert Joan Matthews at 882-1942 so an official neighborhood welcome can be extended.

Please Welcome:

Chris and Lillian Hanson      Longwood Drive

### WSC HOA QUARTERLY MTG

Please plan to attend the WSC HOA quarterly meeting at the WSC Clubhouse on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

### COCKTAILS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

The next Cocktails at the Clubhouse will be August 10<sup>th</sup>. The event is BYOB with each of us bringing an appetizer to share. It is a great time to get to know your neighbors and find out what is going on in the neighborhood. Laney and John Fendt will be hosting this month.

**If you would like to volunteer to host, please call Joan Matthews at 882-1942.**

Responsibilities are light and include opening and locking up the clubhouse, setting out plates/cups and picking up afterwards (don't panic everyone usually helps pick up).

Don't forget Friday Night Cocktails are the second Friday of each month except May, October and December.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

And for all of you new neighbors out there. Please remember that you are moving into a wonderful community that in general will welcome you with open arms, if you will put out just a little effort at being a good neighbor. We have a lot of retirees. So, a dog that barks at 6 A.M. is not a welcome event. And a pet that is left to roam or tied up outside while you go to work, is certainly not being considerate of your neighbors. If you have a debris fire, do it on a calm day with a hose at hand and do not let it smolder and smoke your neighbors out for hours. And if you like fireworks do not use them year-round or very late at night. And if a neighbor knocks on your door and invites you for a cold beverage, please sit down, enjoy the beverage and see if both of you can find a solution that works for both of you. That is being neighborly.

Your Board is always available to help with anything that will make our development a better place, but there are limits on what can be done administratively in some matters. We will continue to welcome calls on any matter that we can help with, but please understand that there are indeed limits.

There is absolutely no substitute for good old common sense. Please consider this in all of your neighborly interactions.

Al Brightwell  
864-400-8405

## YOGA FOR WATERSIDE CROSSING

Yoga is a great way to reduce the stress. Don't be concerned if you have never done Yoga before. Some are doing this for the first. Come try out a class and meet your Waterside Crossing neighbors! Hope to see you there! For questions please contact Linda Pritchard at [lindaepritchard@gmail.com](mailto:lindaepritchard@gmail.com) or 262-853-1919 or Anne Fogel at [sarafina2@att.net](mailto:sarafina2@att.net) or 240-577-812.

**When** – Every Monday

**Instructor** - Tara Lavoie

**Day and Time** – Monday's 10:30am – 12:00pm

**Location** – Lake Keowee Holistic Center on Hwy 188 ([www.blossomingsoulyoga.com](http://www.blossomingsoulyoga.com))

**Price** - The Monthly Limited 5/10 membership packages are a pre-paid class format, as follows:

- **5 CLASS PASS: \$60**
- **10 CLASS PASS: \$110**

These pre-paid class cards will have a 3-month expiry date, versus the 1-month expiry involved with the membership format. The single class drop-in rates are \$15/class for Adults, \$12/class for Seniors.

## WSC WINE CLUB

If you are interested in learning more about the WSC Wine Club, please contact Diane Troy at [troy502@att.net](mailto:troy502@att.net) or 864-885-2335 for details.

## NEW RESTROOM CODE

For security reasons the pavilion restroom code has been changed. The new code is 5314. The new code is also posted on the Resident Services page of our website.

Security cameras are also being installed to monitor the pavilion area.

## WSC FACEBOOK PAGE

WSC is on Facebook. You can join in by friending the Waterside Crossing Facebook page. You must have a Facebook account. This is a closed page so only residents will be allowed to join. Lea Evinger is the administrator of the WSC page. This is a great place to post lost and found, items for sale, ask for vendor referrals or just another way to get to know your neighbors.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/592123677594536>



## NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Please forward any information that should be considered for the newsletter to [lshufeldt@gmail.com](mailto:lshufeldt@gmail.com) by the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month. Photographs of the lake or owner events are also welcome.



The WSC Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is responsible for working with new construction homeowners and contractors to ensure that the established Architectural, Landscape and Lake Buffer Guidelines are adhered to. This includes monitoring remodels, re-painting, additions, landscape improvements, etc. according to the WSC Covenants. These roles were developed to maintain the aesthetic culture of Waterside Crossing and to protect homeowners' investments.

Volunteer members of the ACC visit new construction sites, meet for at least two hours twice a month, review mandatory construction and landscape plans, and handle a barrage of emails, phone calls and paperwork to provide responsible and consistent problem-solving solutions. WSC is a popular subdivision of 293 lots. Currently there are 23 new homes in various stages of construction, with 88 empty lots remaining. Many thanks to the ACC team for working hard to protect WSC's increasing property values.

ACC Members: Tom Marino, Chairperson (864) 723-0218, [skiingkeowee@gmail.com](mailto:skiingkeowee@gmail.com)

Doug Evering, Ed Regenthal, Bob Sugermeyer, Steve Thompson

ACC (paid) Consultant: Jason Lucas, PhD Environmental Design & Planning, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Clemson University Ass't. Professor of Dept. of Construction Science & Management



Left to Right:  
Steve Thompson, Tom Marino, Ed Regenthal, Doug Evering, Bob Sugermeyer.

ACC in action meeting with homeowners and builders.



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