



A Word From the Board

We hope that everyone's 2019 is off to a great start so far! We are extremely sad to announce that our former board President, Kris Hawkins, and Vice President, Mandy Scherer have both resigned from their positions effective February 1, 2019. Both served for over two years on the board and have dedicated a staggering amount of time and work towards bettering our community. They have made vast improvements in the way the board operates and our community's financial health. Our current reserve fund, which is going to fund a significant portion of our pool repairs, is just one of many areas where they have done so. With their departure we lose a wealth of knowledge about our community and its requirements. Thank you to those who expressed an interest in filling these two vacancies on the board; the board is reviewing candidates and will announce new board members no later than February 5, 2019.

As most of you know, Association dues were due on January 31, 2019. Please remember, member dues are what fund our operating budget. It is especially important this year that we receive annual dues in a timely manner, as we are depending on them to ensure funding for required pool repairs, as specified in the 2019 annual budget. Payments will be

considered late after March 2, 2019. Any outstanding balance as of March 3, 2019, will be subject to finance fees and late fees retroactive to January 31, 2019. Any assessments not paid and received by April 15, 2019, will have their pool access key fob deactivated and will be subject to a \$20 reactivation fee upon payment.

Finally, we would like to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the special meeting on January 31st, whether it was in person or by proxy. The two proposed bylaw amendments both passed successfully. With the amendment of these bylaws, the board is now confident that we will be able to fully fund all required pool repairs this year, and open the pool in time for summer! The board will vote on both the proposed easement access and potential loan later this month. If all funding is secured by the end of February, we estimate work will begin around mid-March. If all goes as planned, we are hopeful that we'll be able to open the pool by May 1st, but that is subject to change depending on securing all funding and completion of work. We will provide updates on each step of the process as it progresses and will keep the community apprised of any significant concerns or changes along the way.

Association dues were due 1/31 /19 and considered late after 3/2/19 - 8% interest and a \$10 monthly late fee will be added to all accounts with balances on 3/3/19 - Payments can be made online at www.cmgcharleston.com



Important Dates

- February 5**
New board members announced
- February 14**
Valentine's Day
- February 15**
Deadline for pool donations (see pg 2 for more info)
- February 18**
President's Day (DD2 no class)



Community Updates

Treasurer: Please get your annual dues in, as our operating budget depends on it.

ARC: Streamlined ARC request forms and guidelines for more timely responses in progress & coming soon. Resolutions to define guidelines for detached structures and concrete/other impervious ground coverings approved on 1/28.

Compliance: Many mailboxes throughout the community are in disrepair and in need of some sprucing up. The specifications that all mailboxes should meet can be found on our website. Please inspect your mailbox and ensure it is well maintained and meets specifications before 3/31.

Pool: Seeking funding & new bids under consideration.

Landscaping: New landscaping maintenance contract with REA Landscaping approved & begins 2/3. New pond maintenance contract with Solitude approved & begins 3/1.

Nature Trail: Funds for trailhead beautification project allocated in 2019 budget, but on hold pending pool repair funding.

Communications: Quarterly sponsor ads coming soon to the website.



Reminder

Financial reports and meeting minutes can be found on the community's website at www.MyersMill.com



February is Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate achievements by black Americans as well as the importance African Americans have had in U.S. history. Black History Month dates back to 1915 when historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded what is now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). The group designated the first week of February as national Negro History week in 1926 and has since evolved to Black History Month. Black History Month is celebrated around the world and has been supported by every U.S. president since 1976. ASALH's theme for this year is "Black Migrations" and emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities. For more information, visit www.asalh.org.

Did you know? The Charleston area's Gullah heritage has been recognized for preserving African linguistic and cultural traditions more than any other African-American community in the U.S. Learn more about the area's unique and extensive African-American

history by checking out one of many local events this month; a few are highlighted here for this month & next:

- The Slave Dwelling Project presents "Inalienable Rights: Living History Through the Eyes of the Enslaved" - Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, 10am-2pm on 2/22. Students (K-college) receive free admission.
- Middleton Place features Black History Month events throughout Feb. General admission half-price for tri-county residents through 2/28.
- "A Result of Great Migration: New Music Forms" with Dr. Karen Chandler explores how the migration of several million African Americans from 1910-1970 to the Northeast & Midwest led to the Harlem Renaissance and a new way to play music like ragtime, blues and jazz. Charleston Public Library Auditorium (68 Calhoun St) on 3/9 from 1-3pm .



Pool Donations

We've received a number of requests for more information on how to donate to the pool, so we want to clarify the process. As previously mentioned, homeowners may donate to fund any project within the HOA they would like. These funds should be considered non-taxable income for the HOA; this means that 100% of your donation would go towards the project you've specified. **Pool donations must be received no later than 2/15** in order to ensure these funds are included when we make our loan determination. Please note, **donations are not tax-deductible for homeowners**. Additionally, we'd like to ask again--please do not conduct fundraisers towards this effort. **Donations may be paid via check only & must clearly state that they are for Myers Mill pool repairs/maintenance.** Checks may be dropped off at 4004 Sanderson Lane or mailed to CMG at 349 Folly Road Suite 2B, Charleston, SC 29412. Funds will be maintained in an account dedicated solely to pool repair & maintenance.



Nature Trail

We hope you're taking advantage of our nature trail while temperatures aren't boiling hot! A few reminders to help keep our trail beautiful and enjoyable for all:

- Please do not leave trash behind; clean-up is done periodically by volunteers--if you'd like to help, please volunteer when announced or simply pick-up trash you find while on the trail.
- It is a walking & jogging trail--tires can do extensive damage in the form of ruts, especially in wet conditions.
- When accessing the trail, please be mindful of adjacent homeowner properties; there is a 5' wide easement on homeowner property for trail access--any traffic outside this area is encroaching on personal property.

Please ensure all members of your household, especially older children who may use the trail unaccompanied, are aware of these guidelines.

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