

*For our neighbors in the Clemson Downs Property Owners Association—A 55+ Community*

**June 2024**

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

- Plans for the new home at 40 Hickory Way have been recommended by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and approved by the Board of Directors. Construction should begin in July.
- The board accepted the Common Properties Committee (CPC) recommendation and voted to approve the expenditure of \$2102.33 to work to mitigate the whirlpool and clean up the creek in Woodland Walk.
- Eldon Blust, Community Cable TV Coordinator, reported that CCTV service will become significantly more expensive in 2025 and recommends that the Board of Directors vote to discontinue the contract with Vyve effective at the end of this year. He will continue to assist homeowners with questions. His full report is amended to the May 2024 meeting minutes.

## **ARC Reminders**



Your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will meet Tuesday, June 4, at 10:00 am upstairs in the small conference room at the Corley Center. All POA residents are welcome to attend.

If you plan to start any exterior project such as painting, construction, hardscape, door, window, or siding replacement, etc., please be sure to get your application(s) to an ARC member before that date so we can get it processed for you as soon as possible. We appreciate those of you who aren't quite sure whether an application is necessary for calling one of us. FYI: For those of you who may be unaware, the ARC is a sub-committee of the POA Board. We can only recommend applications. They then must be presented to the entire Board, which meets June 11, for final approval. Your approved application will then be returned to you, and your project can begin. You can download an application form from our website at [www.cdpoa.com](http://www.cdpoa.com)—*About Us—Architectural Review—Architectural Review Application Form.*

## **FYI—For Your Information**

### **Garden Gallery at the Gazebo Refreshed for 2024 Season**

First there is the gazebo, which fits nicely between Birch Place, Downs Loop, and Hickory Way. Next is the Garden House, the small brown building set to the rear of the gazebo to provide a convenient restroom facility for those attending a meeting at the gazebo. Then, inside the Garden House is our very own art gallery, the Garden Gallery. The goal of the Garden Gallery at the Gazebo is to provide a peaceful and unhurried atmosphere for viewing a small portion of the artistic output of Clemson Downs and CDPOA residents.

The 2024 season has seen the addition of a work by the son of a CARC resident, highlighted in last month's *Communicator*. This month we are pleased to inform residents that Joe Merck has brought two new pieces to the Gallery, replacing the previous two works he had on display. Both of the new works are done in acrylics and are beautiful pieces. The painting in upper position is titled, "Rio Carnival Lenten Rose" and the piece mounted further down is "Dianthus: Pink Star."

Next time you find yourself in the vicinity and there's a meeting in the gazebo and the Garden House is open, take a minute to explore the Garden Gallery.

*If you are an artist and are interested in exhibiting your work in the Garden Gallery, or if you know a CARC or CDPOA resident who is an artist, contact Eric Snider, curator of the Garden Gallery, at 864-787-9199 or ericsnider1951@gmail.com. We have room for small paintings and limited space for three-dimensional art such as pottery.*

### **Coyotes in the Downs**

Neighbors have reported recent sightings of coyotes in the Downs, one in a backyard on Hickory in daylight. There are numerous articles online about protecting humans and pets from coyotes. Following are a few suggestions and links to three of the many articles:

First and foremost, remain calm, keep eye contact, and slowly back away while leaving the area. Never run from a coyote, as you may trigger its predatory response and give it a reason to chase you. If you have any personal alarm devices, such as a whistle, bell, or phone alarm, use them to scare the coyote.

What scares coyotes away from dogs? There are several tools that you can carry with you while walking your dog that can be used to repel coyotes. These include homemade noisemakers, whistle, or small air horn (you can purchase small air horn "necklaces"). Several articles recommend picking up small dogs.

#### *How to Avoid Conflicts with Coyotes*

- Do not feed coyotes (do not feed your pet outside or leave food out for feral cats).
- Do not let pets run loose.
- Do not run from a coyote.
- Do not create conflict where it does not exist.
- Report aggressive, fearless coyotes immediately.

If you see a coyote approaching you, here's what you should do:

- Stop and yell at it to go away.
- Make yourself look big and scary by waving your arms above your head.
- Maintain eye contact.
- Stomp your feet and make loud noise.
- Always maintain a safe distance.

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/coyote-hazing>

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/what-do-about-coyotes>

<https://www.wetpawdoggrooming.com/what-to-do-if-you-encounter-a-coyote-while-walking-your-dog/>

Thank you to Kathryn Newkirk for gathering this valuable information for us.

## **Things to Remember**

### **First Friday**

Our First Friday celebration this month is June 7. Our hosts will be Marsha and Eldon Blust. Join them in the basement of the Corley Center from 4 to 6 pm as we enjoy visiting with friends and neighbors. Bring an appetizer to share, your favorite beverage, and please remember to wear your name tag so new neighbors can get to know you better.








## Fire Safety

Those residents who have attended one of the two fire safety programs offered by the Clemson University Fire Department (CU FD) have learned a number of valuable lessons.

- ✓ CU FD has an important program called Community Connect. This is a program that allows homeowners to register their home and its details ahead of time so if the fire department is called, the emergency responders will know immediately how many people or pets live there, if anyone needs special assistance, if gas is present in the home, etc. The information is completely secure and cannot be accessed, even by the fire department, unless there is a 911 call from your address. The CU FD recommends that all Clemson residents take a moment to register. You can find the registration page at <https://www.communityconnect.io/info/sc-cu>; the registration must be completed online.
- ✓ There are many home safety visits the fire department can offer, including checking smoke alarms, suggestions on any hazards in the home, and fall prevention.
- ✓ The CU FD will check your smoke alarms to make sure they are functioning. If batteries need to be replaced or the alarm is not functional, you will need to provide the batteries or alarm. If you want the fire department to check your smoke alarms, it would be best to set up an appointment with them. The responder will also go through the house and make safety suggestions while he is looking at your alarms. If your alarms are more than 10 years old, he will discuss possible replacements and if you then purchase them, you can call when you have them and he will install them. He can also help you complete the community connect info when he visits and check out your fire extinguishers.
- ✓ Classes from the CU FD include CPR/First Aid and Stop the Bleed. We will update you as we can schedule these classes.
- ✓ Some insurance companies offer policy incentives for fire risk reduction devices and preparation. For example, State Farm offers a Ting addition for your policy. This is an apparatus plugged into an outlet that measures the entire electrical system of a home and will notify you in an app of any hazards detected. Call your insurance agent to learn more.
- ✓ Current initiatives in the Community Risk Reduction department such as Smoke Alarm Blitzes, School Educational Programs, and other current programs are available. Kurt Kryzman, Community Risk Reduction Specialist for Fire & EMS - Public Safety at Clemson University will begin quarterly presentations in September to give us more information on these risk reduction opportunities.
- ✓ For more information, contact Kurt Kryzman, Community Risk Reduction Specialist for Fire & EMS – Public Safety at Clemson University. His office number is 864-656-2242.

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