

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

**October 2025**

## Welcome New Neighbors!



**John and Kathy Rasimas** have moved into 122 Downs Boulevard. John hails from New York while Kathy grew up in Texas. John enjoys golf especially, while Kathy is a fan of softball. They moved from the Villages in Florida to be closer to family. Welcome to you both!

**John:** 352-250-2526; [j.rasimas@comcast.net](mailto:j.rasimas@comcast.net) | **Kathy:** 658-250-2512; [k.rasimas@comcast.net](mailto:k.rasimas@comcast.net)

## Board Meeting Highlights

- Clemson Area Retirement Center (CARC) Foundation has regained its 501(c)(3) status, enabling donors of the Foundation to receive a tax deduction for their donations.
- Five candidates have been found for four open spots on the CDPOA Board.
- Repairs to railings and flooring of new bridge will be completed soon, as will the removal of the leaning trees near the bridge.
- Common Properties Committee members worked to pick up sticks in the triangle at Little Lane and Hickory Way while Joe Merck picked up stick around the gazebo. Thanks to their efforts, our neighborhood is looking neat and tidy!



## Our Sympathies Go To



We offer condolences to three families in our neighborhood. **George Wyss**, 318 Downs Boulevard, passed away on September 18. **Pat Vernon**, 1000 Keystone Lane, passed away September 25, and **Don Manly** passed away on September 27. We offer our condolences and prayers to all three families. Each and every one of these neighbors is a loss to us all.

## ARC Reminders

Your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will meet Tuesday, October 7, at 10:00 am upstairs in the small conference room at the Corley Center. As always, POA residents are welcome to attend.

If you plan to start a project on the exterior of your home, such as painting, construction, hardscape, door, window, roofing, 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. If you aren't sure if you

need an application, please call an ARC member and ask! ARC is a sub-committee of the POA Board and can only recommend applications. Applications will be presented to the Board, which will meet October 14, for final approval. Your approved application will then be returned to you.



## Telephone Directory Corrections and Additions

**Remember:** You can find the most current edition of the directory online at our website:



[www.cdpoa.com](http://www.cdpoa.com). Click on Our Community—CDPOA Directory. You will need a password to access the directory—CD29631POA. Listings that have changed since the last directory was printed are highlighted in pale yellow.

**Corrections: Please correct this listing in your directory:**

Robert E. (Bob) and Eva Williamson, 503 Downs Loop,

[robertewilliamso@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertewilliamso@bellsouth.net) telephone: 864-654-6161, Eva's cell: 864-499-6155

## FYI—For Your Information

### Town Hall and Annual Meeting

Homeowners are encouraged to attend the two meetings held annually that affect the organization and execution of our neighborhood bylaws and covenants.

Annual Meeting

The **Town Hall meeting** is held in late October to inform CDPOA members of upcoming elections. The Town Hall meeting is informational only, giving members the opportunity to provide feedback on the items proposed—candidates for the board and next year's budget. Members will receive information in advance via email.

The **Annual Meeting**, held in early December, provides homeowners with the opportunity to vote on the issues presented at the Town Hall. We encourage homeowners to vote via the ballot included in the packet of information they will receive in November via USPS. Votes can also be cast at the Annual Meeting.

**Please mark your calendars with these important dates:**

- October 14: CDPOA Board of Directors meeting at 2 pm in the Jackson Rom
- October 15: Information regarding the Town Hall meeting will be emailed to all residents. Those residents with no email address will receive information in their flyer boxes.
- October 29: Town Hall meeting at 2 pm in the Corley Center. This will be a non-voting meeting and is intended to share information about candidates for the 2026 Board of Directors and the 2026 budget.
- November 11: CODPA Board of Directors meeting at 2 pm in the Jackson Room
- November 18: Information to be mailed via USPS to all homeowners.
- December 2: Annual meeting at 10 am in the Corley Center. Votes will be tallied and results announced. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

### Clemson Community Care Canned Goods Drive



During the month of October, Clemson Downs will be collecting canned and staple goods for CCC. We are partnering with Clemson Area Retirement Center (CARC) residents to stock the pantry at Clemson Community Care (CCC). A POA member, Ruth Heringa, has offered to help us pitch in. If you have a bag of donations ready by 10 am each Thursday during October and text her in advance, she will pick up your donation and drop it off for you. Text her at 914-482-8972. Please label your bag CCC and leave it near your front door.

**Check the enclosed flyer for more information.**

## Things to Remember

### Raked or Blown Leaves

If you have property that borders Common Properties, **please do not blow mown grass or leaves onto Common Property**. Instead, blow or rake the leaves into rows along the road (not into the road) for the city of Clemson to pick up. Grass can be blown or raked into piles along the street (but not into the street).

Please **confirm that your maintenance crew does the same**. Blowing leaves onto Common Properties increases the work (and cost!) of our maintenance contract.

If you're not sure whether you border Common Properties, contact Nancy Palisin.

And please **make sure you don't pile leaves over or in front of storm drains**. You could cause a backup of water into your neighbor's property—or your own! Thank you.

Want to know more about **when** the city will pick up leaves or branches? Look on the City of Clemson website and check out the maps for information on brush and leaf pickup:

<https://gis.clemsoncity.org/portal/apps/sites/#/city-of-clemson-open-data> Click on the map you are looking for.



### Tree Services

Tree Cutting Services have been leaving flyers in mailboxes advertising that they will be working in our neighborhood. Please take caution, as proper tree care is not likely with either. One claims to be an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) member/certified arborist—they are not. The other company was dishonest about tree status and costs with an area resident. We will share more about the value of ISA certification and quality tree care next month.



### First Friday



Join hosts Wendy Longo, Fiona Neill, and Sandi Rosche on October 3 at 4 pm in the lower level of the Corley Center for October's First Friday. It's a great chance to meet new neighbors and visit with all neighbors. Just bring an appetizer to share (try a new recipe!), your favorite beverage, and wear your name tag.

If you are new to our neighborhood, you'll find the Corley Center in the area where the apartments are on 150 Downs Blvd. The Corley Center is on the left between the D and B buildings. Go under the covered walkway toward the back of the building, through the glass doors, and you'll find the elevator on the left. Take a ride to the lower floor and be ready to be greeted by your neighbors. See you there!

# October 2025

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<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  <p style="margin: 0; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold; text-align: left;">BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</p> </div>			1	2	3 First Friday 4-6 pm Corley Ctr	4  CU vs UNC (Away) 12 pm
5	6	7 ARC Mtg. 10 am Corley Ctr.	8 CPC Meeting 2-3 pm Small room Corley Ctr.	9	10	11  CU vs Boston Coll. (Away)
12		14 CDPOA Board Mtg. 2 pm Jackson Rm.	15	16	17	18  CU vs. SMU (Home)
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26	27	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	

September 2025

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November 2025

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# Donate To Our Fall Food Drive

To Celebrate Our 45<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

## Items Needed:

Instant Potatoes	2 lb Flour
Canned Beans	2 lb Sugar
Canned Tomatoes	Paper Towels
Tomato Sauce	Clothing Detergent
Crackers	Dish Soap
Pasta Sauce (plastic container)	Toilet Paper
	Hand Soap

**Donations Collected Outside  
The Main Dining Room  
October 1<sup>st</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup>**



Other items needed are packages of adult continence supplies, if you have any you no longer need.

**Here's an offer you can't resist:**

Each Thursday in October (October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30), if you text or call Ruth Heringa at 914-482-8972, you can leave your donation outside your front door in a bag labeled CCC. Ruth will pick up your donation and deliver it to Clemson Area Retirement Center (CARC) for you.

Or you can deliver your donation yourself to the tables outside the Dining Hall at CARC.

**Please consider giving generously to help those in need.**