

**December 2025**

## Welcome New Neighbors!



We welcome **Mike Purcell, 29 Hickory Way**, to Clemson Downs. Mike's father served in three wars, making the military a lifetime career. As a result, Mike's family moved every three or four years; his family fell in love with Clemson and vowed to return. Mike graduated from high school in Portland, Oregon, and from Clemson in financial management. He retired early to care for his parents and then moved to Asheville. Mike has one daughter, Connie, who lives in Landrum and raises horses. Mike's hobbies are college football (Clemson, of course, and Texas A&M), European soccer (especially EPL), hiking in the mountains, walking around the 'hood, cooking, and watching history videos and sports podcasts. Mike decided to come home at last to be close to his ex-wife and her sister, who is his landlord. Welcome home!

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## Board Meeting Highlights

- Two serviceberries and one red maple tree are scheduled to be planted near the gazebo.
- The health of the willow oaks along either side of Downs Blvd. has been assessed by the arborist of TreeSouth. A schedule will then be set with the city arborist to begin judicious pruning performed by TreeSouth and paid for by the city of Clemson.



## Our Sympathies Go To



We reach out to the family of Mary-Louise Baker, 48 Hickory Way, on her passing October 12, 2025. Mary-Louise was a resident of Clemson Downs for most of its existence. Her grace and loving care will be deeply missed. Our heartfelt prayers go out to the extended Baker family.

## FYI—For Your Information

### December Social

The CDPOA Christmas Social will be on December 16 in the CARC dining hall. We will gather at 4:45 for appetizers before the meal is served. We are looking for volunteers to provide an appetizer. Please contact Lois Torlina (see information below) if you can help out. The menu is prime rib, salmon, potatoes, vegetable, salad, and dessert.

Please respond **no later than December 8** to Lois Torlina, [loistorlina@gmail.com](mailto:loistorlina@gmail.com) or 864-201-9381 if you would like to attend. The cost per person is \$30. **Checks only, please, made out to CDPOA.** We reimburse CARC for the numbers of dinners we ask them to prepare based on the number of reservations we receive. Once your reservation is made, you are responsible for the cost of your meal. Special thanks to our social committee for their hard work.



## ARC Reminders

Your architectural review committee (arc) will not meet in December. Please be sure to get your application(s) to an ARC member if you plan to begin a project during December.

## Things To Remember

### Raked or blown leaves



If you have property that borders Common Properties, please do not rake or blow 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. Blowing leaves on Common Properties increases the work (and cost!) of our maintenance contract.

Neither homeowners nor their yard maintenance workers should be dumping leaves or yard refuse into our Common Property woods such as the area behind Keystone. Hired yard maintenance companies must take grass clippings and other yard refuse to off-site dump locations.

The refuse pile provided by the city of Clemson at the end of Bayberry is to be used **only by individual homeowners for pruning refuse which they have personally created and by our CDPOA maintenance crew.** Please remember:

- No lumber, landscape timbers, trash.
- No garbage bags—just loose yard debris.
- No stones or bricks.
- No yard refuse generated by your yard contractor.

Thank you! Misuse of this refuse pile could lead to the city taking away this privilege.

### First Friday

The last First Friday celebration of the year is December 5, 2025. Hosts are Bill Watt and Roberta Bankhead. Come join your neighbors and celebrate the start of the holiday season. All you have to do is bring an appetizer to share, your beverage of choice, and wear your holiday best, including your name tag! See you in the basement of the Corley Center at 4:00 pm.



We're looking for neighbors willing to host a First Friday in 2026. Check with Lois Torlina—the job is easy and the rewards are great!

# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Annual Meeting 10 am in Corley Ctr.	<b>3</b> CPC Meeting 2-3 pm Small room Corley Ctr.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> First Friday 4-6 pm Corley Ctr	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> CDPOA Board Mtg. 2 pm Jackson Rm.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve  			

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**Notes:**

If you haven't already, **please return your directory and emergency contact forms** at the Annual Meeting or give to Anne Snider. Directories will be printed in February! Thank you.

### January 2026

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