

May 2026

President's Letter

First, kudos go to Lois Torlina and her Social Committee for a most successful Spring Social! What fun and good food! And we all stayed around and talked and visited with our neighbors. No one seemed to be in a hurry to leave after we ate the meal. I am sorry if you missed the event.



Good Deeds Observed

Last month I asked for reports of neighbors doing good and thoughtful deeds in helping us to enjoy our wonderful Clemson Downs. Here are some examples of deeds observed:

Doing Cleanup work around the gazebo - removing vines and overgrown brush, digging holes for new trees in the Gazebo bed--Joe Merck

Keeping our median on Downs Blvd. beautiful by picking up year-round the limbs and debris that fall out of the trees--Denny Walling

Year-round mulching and weed control of the median on Bayberry Lane. Also, helping keep the flowers alive in our community flower garden on Bayberry--Carol Krider

Cleaning out the Garden House at the Gazebo--Gary and Kathryn Newkirk

Thank you for your work in helping keep the Downs beautiful!

--Elaine Cameron, President, Clemson Downs Property Owners Association Board of Directors

ARC Reminders

As you start thinking about sprucing up your home for spring, remember to get any requests to the ARC committee before their meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

Your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will meet next on Tuesday, May 3, at 10:00 am upstairs in the small conference room at the Corley Center. As always, POA residents are welcome to attend the meetings.

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 mandated committee of the POA Board and can only recommend applications. Applications will be presented to the Board, which will meet May 10, for final approval. Your approved application will then be returned to you.



Please remember that applications can only be reviewed for approval on the ARC meeting date, the first Tuesday of each month. Any applications received after that date will be reviewed at the next monthly meeting unless the repair is an emergency (broken garage door, leaking roof, etc.).

Architectural Review Committee

The ARC (Architectural Review Committee) would like to extend their gratitude to the POA members who are following the guidelines as listed in our bylaws. You can find the ARC guidelines on the CDPOA website (www.cdpoa.com) under the heading *About Us*. If you have questions, contact a member of the ARC for help.

We thank you for;

- submitting requests to the ARC for any changes to your home's exterior in a timely fashion,
- replacing aging mailboxes, repairing and repainting the post, providing a box for flyers and papers, and making sure your house number is visible,
- keeping your front, side, and back yards free of any unsightly items including yard supplies, pots of dying plants, and fading yard art,
- camouflaging your HVAC units or propane containers,
- keeping your garbage can out of view and keeping your garage doors down except while doing yard work,
- keeping your shrubs pruned and yards mowed, and
- enhancing the appearance of the Downs by removing yard and street debris promptly.

We give a special thank you to all the Silent Saints who help their neighbors by watering plants and keeping an eye on things when we travel. When you notice a neighbor helping out, please give them a thank you!

--Jo Gable, Chair, Architectural Review Committee

Phone Directory Updates



There are two corrections to the phone directory; please mark these corrections in your hard copy of the directory. You can also check the online directory—those residents added since the hard copy was printed will be highlighted in pale yellow. You can download or consult the directory by last name and by street address. The page requires a password: CD29631POA.

Sandy Waskowski: email address is sandywy21@bellsouth.net

Kathy Rasimas: correct phone number is 352-250-2512.

Things to Remember

First Friday

The May First Friday gathering will be on May Day, May 1. Come join hosts Ann Fuhr and Susan Hamlin for some good food and cheerful conversation. Just come to the lower level of the Corley Center at 4 with your name tag, your beverage of choice, and an appetizer to share. Celebrate spring and the lovely May flowers.



Save the Date

Save this date on your calendar: Wednesday, June 10 at 1:30 Upstairs Corley

There will be a presentation on the history and evolution of our Clemson from a sleepy little college town to the modern university of today. Trent Allen, who is a Clemson grad and former owner of Allen's Creations, will share with us his many photos and memorabilia. Long-time residents and newcomers to Clemson alike will enjoy Trent's recap of that growth.

Common Properties Information

We owe a **big thank you** to Richard Brooks, Alissa Craig, Susan Hamlin, Joe Merck, Fran Moseley, Lois Torlina, Gladys Vaughan, and Nancy Palisin for the several Saturday mornings they spent spreading mulch along the Woodland Walk path from the Downs Loop cul-de-sac to the bridge intersection. The path looks so great thanks to their efforts. Also, thank you to Fran Moseley, who orders the free mulch from the City of Clemson and has it delivered to us.

When you take the Woodland Walk path that ascends from the bridge to the Bayberry refuge pad, carefully notice an extensive layered wall of erosion prevention materials installed to stabilize the creek bank over the new and reinforced fencing. Also, two rain runoff, diversion berms have been installed at the trail head. This was a huge job, and we are grateful to Ryan Jones of GeoMetrix, Inc for his dedication to helping our Woodland Walk continue to be a safe place to enjoy this treasured conservation area.

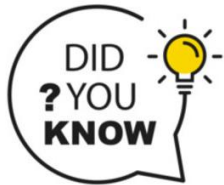
Neighbors Recommend

The Neighbors Recommend page is now added to our website! Go to www.cdpoa.com, click on *About Us* and then *Neighbors Recommend*. Right now, there are only two listings, but we invite our neighbors to help us grow the page. Send your recommendation(s) to Anne Snider at sniderah@gmail.com. Please include the following:

- Name, phone number, and email address (where available) of the company.
- Type of service. Is it lawn care or plumbing or pet sitter or elder care?
- A short review of the company. What did you like about their service?
- Your name, address, and phone number and/or email address so neighbors can get more specifics from you.

Let's get the recommendations page filled with good suggestions for services that will help your neighbors find just the right company and providers.

Did You Know?



Every new resident in the CDPOA receives a welcome package of vital information when they move in, thanks in large part to Kathy McGee, chair, Welcoming Committee. Her other committee members help by notifying her of new neighbors. But many of us have been residents for many years. We thought it would help if each month we highlighted one of those handouts.

Did you know? The City of Clemson police department has a program called CEAL, Clemson Elderly Assistance Line. Call 864-624-2013 to learn more; a police officer will sign you up for either a daily phone call to make sure you are okay or notify you about emergencies in your area. Look for more vital information highlights every month in the *Communicator*.

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