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## ***President's Message***

*by Dave Hancock*

Welcome back, North Carolina beautiful blue skies and warming temperatures!

The spirit of volunteerism in Woodmere-Trentwood is as strong as ever. We have a very dedicated and active Executive Board working to keep our community a desirable place to live. Read on in this Spring issue of the Newswire to learn of each director's current activities.

Our website can be found at **[woodmere-trentwood.com](http://www.woodmere-trentwood.com)** and is getting updated under the very capable hands of Marie Manning. Very soon you will find the site easier to navigate and glean very useful information.

I encourage you to review the Woodmere-Trentwood POA Reservations and Restrictions document (R & R) to ensure that we are all compliant with our community guidelines. In this vein, please note that all pets, including our feline friends, must be leash controlled when off owner's properties.

The entrance landscape project is in its final phase of rejuvenation with irrigation repairs and some new plantings. We welcome volunteers to help maintain this beautiful entry to Woodmere-Trentwood.

Please feel free to contact me, or any board member, with your questions or concerns.

## **POA VISION STATEMENT:**

***Woodmere-Trentwood strives to be a caring, safe and vital residential community of quality homes with pleasing yards in a wooded setting amidst rich cultural and recreational opportunities, located within the greater Carolina Trace community***

## ***Dates to Remember:***

***April 11<sup>th</sup>***  
*Spring Cleanup*

***April 14<sup>th</sup>***  
*Debris pickup*

***May 2<sup>nd</sup>***  
*Kentucky Derby Party*

***May 2<sup>nd</sup>***  
*Pool Opening*



## Recreation

by Carole Philbin  
and Mary Keith

•The Woodmere-Trentwood pool will open on Kentucky Derby Day, Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hours are 7:00 am to 9:00 p.m. from May to October

•Kentucky Derby Day is an annual pool party event for Woodmere-Trentwood. You will receive a flyer in your mailbox with the details.

•Enjoy our pool but please read and follow the rules as posted at the pool and on the website.

•THERE IS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY. Medical emergencies: call 911 and the Main Security Gate 919-499-2339.

•Please read and follow the tennis court rules as posted.

•The annual Spring Cleanup will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. All volunteers please meet at the pool and bring your buckets, sponges, work gloves, pruning shears, weed whackers, rakes, leaf blowers, etc. Cleanup day tasks will be assigned.

•Many thanks to our W-T residents who have already filled our summer 2015 schedule for weekly pool cleanup and trash removal.

•To reserve the covered "pavilion" at the pool for private functions, please contact Carole Philbin (919-498-6146) or Mary Keith (919-499-2597). Advance notice is required and your event will be posted on our calendar at the pool bulletin board.

\*\*Please note that Saturday evenings are reserved for W-T family dinners at the pool. Call your friends and neighbors to bring a covered dish to share and something to BBQ. The gas tanks will be available for the grills starting in May.

*This is your recreation area, paid by your POA dues. Please take good care of it.*

## Architectural

by Gary Peterson

As a reminder, it is the property owners' responsibility to contact the Architectural Committee if a room is to be added to their home, a garage, outbuilding, fence, exterior painting and/or landscaping. The Rules and Restrictions (R&R's) can be found on the website and will give general guidelines for any exterior work and the necessary application forms (which can be downloaded from the site).

Most of these situations can be handled in a short period of time and it may eliminate future problems. If you have any questions, please contact Gary at (919-499-0228) or at [architecturalchairman@gmail.com](mailto:architecturalchairman@gmail.com)

## Finance

by Scott Erickson

The POA has a very healthy cash position at the end of March. The Road Reserve Fund balance is \$60,771, and cash and money market balances total \$123,811.

I am happy to report, too, that at the end of March, 95% of our property owners had paid their 2015 assessment dues.

The 2015 budget shows expected income of \$123,395 and budgeted expenses of \$123,275, which is basically a balanced budget. Major expense items will be our CTA assessment which totals \$58,400 and the budget allocation to the Road Reserve Fund of \$22,360.

### **PET OWNERS:**

***We are seeing more and more pets living in our POA. Please remember all pets must remain in the confines of the owner's property, or on a leash when off the property. Owners are responsible for pet waste. Please respect your neighbor's property.***



## **Welcome/Social and Care**

*by Carolyn Schaefer*

This is my first year on the POA Board serving as the Social Committee Chairperson. Because of the enormity of the job, I have restructured the Committee into three individual committees: Welcome, Events and C.A.R.E. Jeri Hey did this job on her own for many years, but now several of your wonderful neighbors have volunteered to help with this important Committee.

Joyce Gilliam will welcome every new resident that moves into our community and personally go over the "New Member Handbook" which she has updated. Joyce also keeps the Secretary, Treasurer, Events and CARE Committees informed about new and departing residents by providing monthly spreadsheets. Since January, Joyce has greeted three new neighbors!

Ann Hancock and Nancy Hasbrouck head the very important EVENTS section of the Social Committee that takes care of all POA social events. They recruit monthly hosts for our POA dinners and pool parties

while keeping all guidelines, name badges and supplies updated. They also do the important job of keeping a spreadsheet of all of our Active Military residents and inviting them to our Military Appreciation dinner in November.

We are a very friendly POA and hope that everyone will attend our 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly dinners and our Kentucky Derby and summer pool parties. These events are open to all residents. Please watch for the email blast about these events and contact the hosts to sign up. You may also sign up in the Pro Shop for the POA dinners.

I am overseeing the C.A.R.E. (Committee to Assist Resident Emergencies). We are very lucky to have 10 ladies who take 16 to 18 families and, without hesitation, organize neighbors within their group to provide short term assistance in the form of meals and rides to families who are experiencing a crisis, illness or loss. A special "Thank You" to the following 10 current C.A.R.E. Coordinators listed on this page who are volunteering their time and resources to make this program a success.

*If you know of a neighbor who is ill or needs help, please let Carolyn know.*

### **C.A.R.E. Coordinators**

*Cass Clinger*

*Marsha Davis*

*Marian Calhoun*

*Diane Thorndike*

*Lorraine Ciccotti*

*Julie Brown*

*JoAnn Brennan*

*Jean Finn*

*Jane Miller*

*Jeri Hey*

### **CTA**

*by Russ Ciccotti*

The Carolina Trace Association (CTA) is the governing body for Carolina Trace. It represents all POAs within Carolina Trace. It also maintains the Carolina Trace common areas including Traceway and the four emergency exits.

Lake Trace is owned by the Carolina Trace Country Club (CTCC). CTA works jointly with CTCC to ensure the lake is properly maintained for everyone's benefit.

CTA is also responsible for our security under contract with the Southern Protection Agency (SPA). During adverse weather conditions please call the CTA Hotline at 919-499-2722 to determine Traceway road conditions.

As of this writing, CTA reported the following actions and activities of concern to all residents:

\*Elected for 2015: Alan Dirk as President, Dick Brown as Vice President, Sally Grocott as Treasurer and Terry Riddle as Secretary. Tony Forgione was recognized and thanked for his 5½ years of service as President of CTA.

\*Speeding through the student school bus pickup area is a problem. New, flashing speed limit signs will be posted on both sides of the bus circle reducing the speed limit through this area to 15 mph during specified hours. This is necessary to protect the children residing in Trace that ride the busses. Along the same line, speeding throughout Trace is also a problem. CTA is exploring options to try to control this hazard. These range from adding more speed bumps to arranging for the Sheriff's Dept. to use radar within Trace. As you can tell this is a serious problem and getting worse. Do your part to solve this problem by traveling the posted speed limit.

\*W-T is utilizing the arrangement CTA has made with SPA for snow plowing this winter. The lessons learned during the Feb. storm are helping to improve the service. The cost is very reasonable and when the improvements to service are implemented, we will have a very good solution for winter storms.

\*Utilities chairman Vince Roy reported there is no anticipated water rate increase this year. He

also stated that if you have a sewer backup problem call Utilities Inc. first at 919-437-332. They will clear the clog and not charge you.

\*Bill Henning reported that 2015 Firewise grant money will be available, but the maximum grant has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$8,000. He is filing the application for a Carolina Trace grant and POAs should wait to hear from Bill before submitting their bills.

Please visit the CTA website at [www.ctaincnc.com](http://www.ctaincnc.com) to access the CTA reports and monthly meeting minutes.

## **Roads and Grounds**

*by Steve Sohinki*

It's been a busy winter for Roads and Grounds. A drainage issue on Spyglass was investigated and addressed. Thanks to Oscar Roberto and Warren Garbe for their assistance in investigating the issue.

We had our first experience using SPA to clear the roads in the POA this winter, and although there were a few opportunities for improvement, overall it was a positive experience. We have provided feedback to CTA with regard to this initial SPA service that hopefully will result in an even better experience next time we have ice or snow (hopefully not anytime soon). CTA has also been supplied with a map of the POA marked with the hilly areas that we believe must be sanded

or salted in conjunction with the plowing operations.

In addition, there is a small (at present) sinkhole at the POA entrance, which is a potential safety issue. I met with Tim Hart and John Fairall, the new General Manager, to discuss the situation and the possibility that the source of the problem may be an issue with a large old drain pipe beneath the POA entrance that drains water from the golf course. They have agreed to investigate the source of the sinkhole and assist in addressing it.

Thanks to all who have again volunteered to assume responsibility for maintenance of the common areas and cul de sac islands in the POA. Volunteers are still needed for Angus Court, Essex Court, Cashmere Court, Darwin Court, and Troon Circle. Finally, in the upcoming months, Chelsea Drive will get a tree grooming, i.e. branches that overhang the roadway and could present safety issues or issues for delivery vehicles will be trimmed back.

And lastly the Spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, with a rain date of Monday, April 13. Brush (NOT leaves) pickup will be on Tuesday, April 14. The better the participation we have, the faster we will be able to get done and enjoy the rest of the day. Please plan on helping your friends and neighbors that day to keep our POA attractive for all. Meet at the pool at 8:30 and bring rakes, clippers, chain saw, gloves, etc.