

NEWSLETTER

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Brierwood Estates Newsletter June 2023

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Warm and Healthy greetings!

This is my inaugural attempt to produce this quarterly Brierwood Estates newsletter. There is so much going on in our neighborhood and our municipalities, that I thought it would be most helpful if someone could provide a list of happenings and updates relative to our community (with a little humor infused).

I really enjoy doing this! Before moving here 2 years ago, I was the president of a large (350 homes) HOA in Raleigh, and I enjoyed putting together that newsletter. I am not advocating for an HOA!!

I am currently a REALTOR and Instructor. I teach for Brunswick County Associations of Realtors...and, I am a neighborhood handyman. I am extremely well versed with neighbor covenants, HOA by laws and most real estate law. I do not view publishing this service as self promotional, just something I would like to do. We also have other very good Realtors in the neighborhood!

This first edition will be e-mailed (if we have your address) and hand-delivered. Warren Faust is helping with the distribution. Hopefully most of you will agree to receiving the next editions via email. Please text me or email me if you would like to receive this via e-mail. Or, if you want nothing to do with this, let me know and I will remove you from the distribution list. If you prefer a hand-delivered copy, I will gladly do that also!



WHO'S NEW IN THE Neighborhood?

The Geesewolds.....

Clark & Ellen

Russ, Audrey, Todd and Margo

Address: #1 Pond



What's Going on with the Golf Course?

I believe this is on the top of everyone's mind!

Here is what I have been able to find out.

The history and current situation; (what has been told to me)

This course was first developed by Dr Ben Ward, a local GP in Shallotte. It was the first golf course in Brunswick County!

A few years back, a wealthy investor from Oregon bought the golf course for his son. Apparently, the son could not make a go of it and began losing money. He claims to have solicited some type of support from the residents, but the message never got past the club house. Consequently, he believed that the residents did not support him and vowed to make things difficult, which he has done.

The golf course has been for sale for several years with no success. According to Mimi Gaithers at Town hall, several developers have made inquiries about building on parts of the golf course, but when they realized the scope of infrastructure costs, zoning issues, part city/part county, they quickly departed. That history has contributed to difficulty in finding a buyer today.

I also reached out to the listing realtor, but have not heard back. There are also other factors, like conservation parcels that further complicate the situation.

THANK YOU!

The following neighbors have been a tremendous help in this endeavor:

Liz Boyer, Nancy Kumlin, Sarah McCullough, Warren Faust, Cindy Northrup and Lisa Dimaco.

The TOWN OF SHALLOTTE

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Mimi Gaithers

First, A huge thanks to Mimi Gaithers and Robert Waring for meeting with me last week.

We discussed:

The golf course

Brierwood roads

Upcoming water issues and developments

How Brierwood could be a good partner with the town

The Brierwood Roads

(Quite a conglomeration)

In Brierwood, we have some roads in the City, some roads in the County and some roads that are private!

The City is helping with the roads in the city, but the county and State do not have adequate resources, nor see the need. The current cost for repaving is approx., \$1 million per mile!

Additionally, some of the roads in Brierwood are over earthen dams, and no one will touch those due to flooding liabilities.

The maintenance of private roads is completely up to those homeowners.

At the end of the day, it looks like things will remain the same. We could petition the state or request annexation, but those have failed in the past.

Town of Shallotte

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Water – changes ahead!

The Town of Shallotte will now be partnering with Brunswick County to provide water to Shallotte residents. This Town does not have the funds nor resources to maintain a city water supply nor distribution system. To spread this cost over 2700 residents would be prohibitive.

The Town will purchase monthly meter readings from the County and Shallotte residents will now be billed monthly.

The first County bill will come out June 1st.

Additionally, the County will be requiring back-flow preventers if you have a separate irrigation meter. You should be receiving a letter from the county regarding back-flow preventers and inspections. These preventers and pvc attachments, etc. will cost you about \$300 (Shallotte Electric)– if you want more info....please contact the county. I can also help with basic information. I would be happy to forward some county guidelines the town sent me. It is just too much to include in this newsletter.

I am also attaching FAQs and publications the Town has provided me. Any questions should be directed to utilitybilling@brunsco.net

Why would I need a back-flow preventer?

If you have an irrigation system, contaminated water (from fertilizer, etc.) can be siphoned back into the public water supply. This valve prevents your irrigation water from flowing backwards.

How can Brierwood be a good partner to the Town?

Although the town would like for Brierwood to have an HOA, we all agreed that this was not going to happen.

Their next preference would be that we have a single point of contact with messaging to our community. They thought this newsletter was an outstanding idea. They will funnel key information and concerns to me for now. I will try my best to keep Brierwood residents updated via these newsletters.

Concerts: MulberryPark Thursdays 7-9pm

July 6 Chocolate Chip & Company

July 13 Band of OZ

July 20 Sweetgrass Band (local)

July 27 Main Event Band

Aug. 3 The Tonez

Aug. 17 Blackwater Band

Aug. 17 The Extraordinaires

Aug. 24 Randy Atwood & the Renegades

Aug. 31 North Tower Band

Happenings...

Announcements:

Happy Birthday!!

(please send me birthdays you would like included)

Happy 50 Year Anniversary!! May 26, 2023

Steve & Trish Collins

Trish: "50 years of marital bliss"

Steve: "50 years surviving together"

Market on Mulberry Every Saturday 9-1

FOR KIDS:

June 14 – Meet emergency personnel.

June 28 – Arts day

July 12 – Treasure hunt

July 26 – Meet Super Hero & Princess

Do You want to be a REALTOR?

Brunswick County Association of Realtors is offering a PRE-Licensing class beginning July 8, 2023. This 75 hour class is a requirement to get your state license.

Saturdays - in person at BCAR in Shallotte

And Tuesday and Thursday PM 5:30 - 9:30 via Zoom

Get all the facts at bcarnc.com (910-754-5700)

Hats off to the fairway mowers!!

There are many neighbors (men and women) who volunteer to keep most fairways cut. It is quite costly for the gas and maintenance of the mowers. Some neighbors do contribute to the cause, but we could use more help. If you would like to contribute, you can leave an envelope with Liz Boyer, 22 Fairway Drive. Many, many thanks!

BRIERWOOD LADIES CLUB

Hello from the Brierwood Ladies Club!

Our mission is to encourage social interaction with the entire Brierwood Community and to provide assistance to our neighbors. Some of the functions that we support are local community food banks, and hold various Brierwood holiday events such as the Artisan Fair, golf cart parade, ice cream social, community yard sale and holiday social in December. We require a small nominal fee to join. In addition, you receive a comprehensive directory which lists residents alphabetically by name and address.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Ladies Club, please contact Lisa Damico 910-880-0987, Michele Johnston 910-477-2751, Allison King 304-667-1043, Carolyn Garramore 203-258-2931 or Cindy Northrup 910-754-5191. Our club meets every third Monday of the month from September through May. We meet at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church, 5070 MH Rourke Drive, Shallotte NC 28470. We hope to meet you soon!

Moving forward.....

Some of you are receiving this newsletter via e-mail, some of you are receiving this in/on your mailbox. If you do not want to receive this newsletter, please let me know.

I will be adding a section for birthdays, anniversaries, special announcements, etc. If you or someone you know wants to be mentioned, just send me the info! Additionally, I will highlight a few businesses/vendors that live in the neighborhood. Please send me a very brief write-up and photo. How about a gardening section? (thank you Liz!)

Also, I am considering brief "letters to the editor". NOT Political!

Maybe...pet peeves, ideas, concerns, etc?

Finally, let me know what you think about this endeavor, and additions or improvements. I am going to try to keep this to 3-4 pages. Otherwise, folks will not even consider reading it! Be well!

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