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## President's Corner

### Continuous Community Improvement

The day after the Annual Meeting in which I was chosen as President of the South Landing committee, I was briefly overcome with a feeling where I tangibly felt the burden of the role. "Now what?" I recall myself asking. At the time, the tennis courts needed considerable repair or demolition. The inventory of homes for sale or for rent was reaching a peak with at least two homes in foreclosure. Our family was one of the younger families and representatives from two young families were now sitting on the Board as President and Vice President, without any prior SL Board experience. As I go back over the past two years and two months into my third and final year, I felt overwhelmed, but knew that the community and my fellow board members would provide the support to get through the learning period and underway.

I apologize for being such a slow learner, but thankfully you all are great support and superb teachers. Our community has continued to flourish over the last few years, even as we were challenged by assessment

increases to re-fund CTA reserves after a long battle over the Little River Quarry. All challenges presented have been tackled by great folks within our community.

On the issue of the tennis courts, my predecessor Rich Engels, continued to push us on making a decision for a disposition on the courts. Rich championed the Commons and after Frank Patkunas joined the SL Board, Rich passed the torch to our new VP who has gone on to spearhead an effort that could have only reached the current point with the tireless community support and donations received.

By Fall 2018, the first wave of plantings were put in, the walking paths carved out, "crush and run" gravel poured and compacted down, the concrete pad for the gazebo poured, volunteers to water the plants conscripted...et al! And yet there is so much more to do! The gazebo was assembled during the Spring workday and just needs a few more shingles on the roof.

Power needs to be run from the pool house to the gazebo. In order to power the gazebo, we inspected the electrical within the pool house and discovered that we have to replace much of the electrical not only to expand the system, but even to maintain the status quo. There is no doubt it will be completed as long as you

continue to be as supportive as you have been. Within the last year, we have witnessed a surge in interest in our vacant homes and lots.

Several homes were sold to younger families, ensuring lasting growth of South Landing and additional residents from which to solicit participation on the South Landing Board. Things are really looking up for South Landing, but as always I remind you that it is you that makes it possible; the Board is nothing more than 9 residents who help focus your efforts and ideas.

Thank-you again and see around South Landing!

Russ



## **New Neighbors in South Landing**

We have a number of new residents in South Landing. Please welcome Robert and Annie Bogan who live at 2042 Long Point Tr.

## **Community Commons Update**

Spring has brought the Community Commons to life and this past Saturday some dedicated residents spread several cubic yards of mulch, cleaned the pool furniture in preparation for the pool opening in May, and trimmed shrubs in the entrance to South Landing. The new gazebo was also assembled and the shingles on the roof almost completed.

**As always your donations are welcome and necessary. The building of the Commons comes from donations and volunteer labor. Contact SouthLanding@gmail.com if you can help fund plants or shrubs come Spring.**

## **From the Social Chair**

**Pool Opening Party.**  
Sunday May 19th

We start the pool season off with a pot luck dinner and a chance to meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends.

In keeping with the pool rules, please bring all food items in non-breakable containers. No glass is allowed in the pool

area. Also, bring plastic cups for beverages. We end the party with a highly contested game of Cornhole.

**“Name That Tune”**  
Starting at 6:30 pm

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Join South Landers for a fun filled evening testing your memory and knowledge of songs mostly from the 60's and maybe the 50's and 70's. Teams are made and Mark Cronmiller assembles and plays the tunes. After listening to the opening measures, we try to identify the name of the song, date and singer. It is a terrific evening not to be missed!

These dates are subject to change. Emails will be sent out confirming the dates as they approach.

## **Water Aerobics**

Once the pool opens in May, AND weather permits, come join your neighbors for some fun in the pool. This exercise class is run by our own water aerobics expert, Barbara Miller. Join her Monday through Friday from 10:00-11:00. Bring a towel and a noodle and be prepared to catch up on all the latest news in South Landing.

## **Sunday Evenings at the Pool**

As soon as the weather permits, join your neighbors at the pool at 5:00 pm on Sundays for food and fellowship. Bring a simple appetizer to share and your preferred beverage and enjoy talking with other South Landers.

## **Yard Waste Pickup**

Pickup of yard waste, branches and sticks and such will begin April 23<sup>rd</sup>.