



*McLendon Hills*

**Fall 2022**

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## Social Committee News

We had a great turnout for the Independence Day Cookout. Many thanks to all who participated and helped with this event. A special thank you to Anne Holway and Wynne Wroblecky for all the children's games; Matt Holway who ran a really fun Cornhole Tournament; and Dale Harmon and Jim Lasswell who cooked all those burgers and hotdogs.

On Labor Day over 70 neighbors enjoyed pizza, salad, and ice cream as we said goodbye to Summer. Who doesn't look forward to cooler temperatures, less humidity, and a beautiful autumn in McLendon Hills?



Several events are in the Fall lineup. First up is the Fall Yard Sale scheduled for October 1st. This year we will be using the Amenities Area instead of the area near the sales office. This gives us plenty of room, parking, and some overhead cover in case it rains. We plan to route yard sale traffic through the back gate. Proceeds from our yard sales go towards social events, seasonal décor, and community enhancements so come on out and shop, shop, shop!

We are also planning **Trunk or Treat** this year and a **Holiday Dinner**. As we get closer to these events, be on the lookout for mailbox flyers with more information or **check out the Upcoming Events section of the POA Website** ([www.mclendonhillspoa.com](http://www.mclendonhillspoa.com)).

## Social Committee Getting ready for Labor Day & Fall Décor



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EVENTS

**October 1 - Fall Yard Sale - 8 AM to noon**  
Amenities Area - rain or shine

**November 5 - Annual POA Meeting - 10 AM**  
Gym of Seven Lakes Baptist Church

**October 8 - Fishing Tournament - 7:30 AM to noon**  
Lake Troy Douglas & Amenities Area

**December 3 - Holiday Dinner**  
Ironwood Restaurant

**October 31 - Trunk or Treat**  
Pavilion/Amenities Area

**December 5 - Hanging of the Greens - 9:30 AM**  
The Julius' garage

### Activity Groups Primary Points of Contact

**Bunco (Evening Group) – Karen Marshall**  
**Bunco (Daytime Group)—Danette Grider**  
**Equestrian Connection — Faith Brouillard**  
**Garden Club — Nancy Seitz**  
**Guys Grub Gang — Jim Lasswell**  
**Ladies Book Club — Rachel Carr**  
**Ladies Lunch Bunch — Louise Ashbridge**  
**Wood Working Club — Matt Holway**

### Lunch Bunch

**Louise Ashbridge**

The Lunch Bunch met in July and enjoyed lunch at the Red Bowl Asian Bistro with 12 ladies attending. We met again in August at Olive Garden and had 6 ladies join us. A favorite place among our group is Ironwood Café where we met in September with 19 attending. We hope you will join us for next Lunch Bunch on October 6th, venue to be announced. Our Lunch Bunch group is open to all ladies of McLendon Hills. For more information or to sign up please contact me.

### Nighttime Bunco

**Karen Marshall**

Nighttime Bunco continued playing this summer with fun times at Laura Brown's in June, Jo Guenther's in July, and Carol Houck's in August. We will close out 2022 with play at Susan Auster's in September, Danette Grider's in October, Marylouise Bailey's in November, and Lara Vance's in December.

I will be making the 2023 calendar soon. If anyone would like to become a substitute player for 2023, let me know. If you want to get on the waiting list to become a regular nighttime player if a future need arises, also contact me.

### Woodworking Club



The woodworking club constructed an arbor for the pavilion beach area just in time for the Labor Day celebration. Thank you to Thom Giangrande, Ed Schoeler, Kevin Hill, and Jay Vance for assistance in the completion of the project.

The club will be making a batch of turtle docks. A donation of \$60 is requested to cover materials and future projects. If you would like one, please send an email to Matt Holway prior to October 21.

**Matt Holway**



### Ladies Book Club

**Rachel Carr**

As fall arrives in McLendon Hills, and we settle into our routines, our ladies book club resumes monthly book discussions in designated homes. June, July and August we were free to read whatever “beach book” we wanted. Although, in July, several members DID do a road trip to The Sunrise Theater in Southern Pines to see the movie adaptation of **Where the Crawdads Sing**. We read this book in the summer of 2021 and enjoyed a true Low Country spread hosted at the Pavilion by Maggie Boor.

We met at Rachel Carr's home in September and discussed **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek**, a historical fiction about the “traveling libraries in rural Kentucky” following the Depression. On October 17, we will discuss **Cloud Cuckoo Land** by Anthony Doerr who also wrote **All the Light We Cannot See**. For our November selection, we will discuss **Anxious People**, by one of our favorite authors, Fredrik Backman (**The Man from Ov**). In December, we gather to have a “book” related gift exchange and luncheon. This year, we will also discuss **Christmas Inheritance**.

If you enjoy discussing a variety of books and reading new authors, please consider joining us.

**Amenities Committee**

**James Lasswell**



Thanks to George and Sandy Corr we have installed a swim float in the lake and swimmers began using it immediately. The swim float is beyond the observation dock and readily visible from the sandy beach and the new arbor constructed by the Woodworking Club.

Still to come this year are some shade trees and improvements to the lawn. We are currently reviewing proposals to refurbish the observation dock and hope to have it finished this calendar year.

**Dam Committee**

**Tom Seitz**

The Committee continues to monitor the condition of the dam and conduct routine maintenance. The annual piezometer readings were just completed and posted to the POA website. All values were normal. The downstream side of the dam was recently mowed, inspected for erosion, and found to be in good condition. Vegetation was also cut or removed from the rip rap channels. The sluice gate has been exercised on schedule and is working well. A contract has been let for the repair of the trash guard at the overflow outlet and work should commence soon.

A State inspection is expected to occur sometime this year but no report has been received.

**Equestrian Committee - Keeping our Trails Safe**

**Amie Collins**

The equestrian committee has been at work to make our trail system safer. In response to an incident on our trail, we worked closely with local EMS to make identifying trail locations quicker and foolproof. You may have noticed letters along the road. These are points for easy access to the perimeter trail by First Responders. Numbers along the perimeter trail mark unique locations along the trail. Moore County 911 has GPS marked each letter and number, and transposed them to a map available to their dispatchers. If there is a fall, a rider or bystander can call 911 and give the number of the sign closest to the location. This will allow first responders to figure out the closest access point to that spot on the trail and decrease response time. This system is similar to the one used at the Moss Foundation in Southern Pines.



**Lake and Wildlife Committee (LWC)**

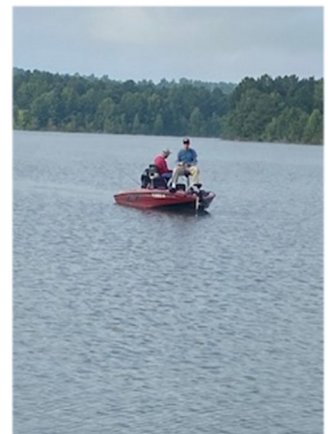
**Mark Hainline**

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Hope you had a wonderful summer on the Lake. Due to hot weather this year underwater vegetation has spread significantly. The LWC is exploring options on how to deal with this issue. We are also looking to expand our water testing procedure which will continue to keep our water safe for swimmers and boaters alike.

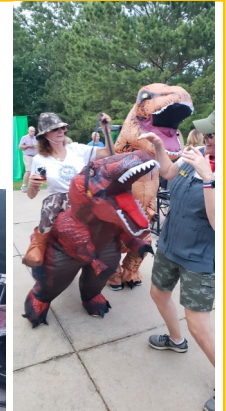
On October 8th, we will be having our first Fall Fishing Tournament. We are hoping for a large turnout. The flyer has been distributed and is also posted on the POA website. Please turn your entry forms to the McLendon Hills Sales Office not later than October 5th. Awards will be presented for the most fish caught in various age categories and our Top Prize will be for the largest Catfish. The Social Committee will provide lunch for those participating.

The LWC continues to create fish habitats for the Lake. If anyone is interested in seeing how they are made, please let us know.



### Community Movie Night

Outdoors movie night hosted by Ben Dicks and Jennifer Rickard has continued through the summer. Movies have included classics such as *Jurassic Park* and *ET*. Attendees bring their own chairs or golf carts and some come in costume! Fun for all.



### Equestrian Dressage and Fun Show

### Amie Collins and Nancy Piscopo

The McLendon Hills Equestrian Center parking lot was full on Saturday, August 20th, when we held our first ever McLendon Hills Schooling Dressage and Fun Show. The show was organized by Nancy Piscopo, Mary Wright, Mary Sumbs, and Kathy Curtis from McLendon Hills and Allison Cino from Pyramid Equestrian. Support for everything from score-keeping to keeping the arena squeaky clean was provided by Kathy Curtis, Claire Cowan, Ann Turner, Tricia Smith, Karen Martin, Carolyn Protz, and Sam Southard. We had 13 riders demonstrating their equestrian skills and a nice variety of horses. There was a combination of dressage classes, eventing classes, and even “fun” classes. Can anyone guess what a “ride-a-buck” class is? (Think horse, rider and a dollar bill.)

Two very special riders competed to earn membership into The Dressage Federation Century Club. To qualify for membership in the Century Club, the combination of rider age and horse age must be at least 100 years. Marge Holmquest rode McLendon Hills horse, Buttercup. Their an age combo of 109 years earned her membership into the Century Club. Marge has been an avid equestrian for many years and will soon be bringing her new horse to McLendon Hills.

Mary Wright rode her horse, Banner, with an age combo of 105 years, and also earned her membership into the Century Club. Mary and Banner have been together for all 26 years of Banner’s life and Mary has been Banner’s chief rider and trainer. We celebrated the accomplishments of the Century Club riders with “Century Cupcakes” and “non alcoholic champagne.” **Congratulations Mary and Marge!!!**



### From the Sales Office

Welcome new property owners:

Jonathan and Jacqueline, Lot 216

David and Mallory, Lot 181

Robert and Jane, Lot 220

Call Cristy to inquire about listing your home or lot!

We update our web listings at the first of each month.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM SOUTHARD!

Sam has been with McLendon Hills Equestrian Center for 20 years! She is such an important part of our team, and we are proud to celebrate this milestone anniversary with her. Sam does a great job of balancing management duties and loving each and every horse and student in her care. Thank you, Sam, for all you do for the equestrian center and the community.



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**Independence Day**

