



# McLendon Hills

**Fall 2021**

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## Social Committee

**Rachel Carr**

Summer is fading...leaves are falling...Autumn is calling! For those of you who attended our ALL AMERICAN JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration (165 in all) can attest to the grand time we had. The Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs (plus all the toppings and sides) were cooked to perfection...thanks to Ines Mongelli and Tom Carr. The patriotic music played through our sound system, (way-to-go, Tommy Mongelli) added such a festive atmosphere to the holiday event. The games...Oh the games!!! What fun for young and old. Perhaps you got soaked by a water balloon, egged at the relay race, had a pie in your face, or watched the beating of a piñata...nevertheless, it was a huge day! Thank You Ines Mongelli (and your assistants, Diane Teran, Danette Grider and Wynne Wroblesky). Your hard work was SO very much appreciated by participants and spectators.

Our community just keeps getting better (and bigger). Labor Day was another example how neighbors become friends by sharing a meal, listening to music and enjoying activities around Lake Troy Douglas. Mark Hainline and the Lake and Wildlife Committee must be thanked for arranging various water sports.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EVENTS**

October 2 — Fun 'N Fall Cleaning Yard Sale (From upper corral to Sales Office, 7-12 a.m.).

October 16 — Equestrian Connection Poker Ride and Pizza Lunch (at the Pavilion, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)  
Look for reservation forms in your mail boxes.

October 30 — Halloween Hayride, Trunk N' Treat and More (at the Pavilion, 5:30-7:00 p.m.).

Submit your ideas or photos for the Winter newsletter to Danette Grider,  
Communications Committee Chairperson

## Amenities Committee

**Tom Seitz**

The Amenities Committee is very pleased with the increased usage of the Amenities Area as the McLendon Hills neighborhood has rebounded from much of last year's pandemic restrictions. The pavilion has seen a lot of use this summer as people seek a cool spot with a nice view to meet outdoors with friends and neighbors. Several community wide social functions have made use of the new and improved facilities including, most recently, a great turnout for Labor Day. It has been great to see families, especially children, enjoying the new beach. The cooler fall weather should see more usage of the new fire pit. Many thanks to the McLendon Hills Woodworkers for the fine new firewood rack next to the Pavilion.

But we are far from done improving your amenities. The Amenities Committee prioritizes projects gathered from community input. With Board funding and donations of materials and labor by McLendon Hills groups and individuals, we have completed significant improvements since construction of the Pavilion - sunshades, a sound system, observation deck repairs, kayak launcher, donations of picnic tables, Little Libraries built by the Woodworkers and operated by the Book Club, implementation of phase one of the landscaping plan, installing lighting, soil amendment, planting, and irrigation, an accessible path to the observation deck, beach, phase one of a firepit area, and the creation of the flag circle. Current work this fall includes modification to the pathway and beach to control erosion and planning for next year - planting trees for shade, refining the path to the beach, finishing the fire pit with a stone seating ring, installation of a swim raft, rehab of the observation dock and several smaller projects. Stay tuned as the Committee will be soliciting your input to help identify and prioritize future projects.



## Clubs and Activities

### Primary Points of Contact

**Bunco (Evening Group)—Karen Marshall**

**Bunco (Daytime Group)—Danette Grider**

**Equestrian Connection—Faith Broulliard**

**Garden Club—Nancy Seitz**

**Ladies Book Club—Rachel Carr**

**Ladies Lunch Bunch—Louise Ashbridge**

**Men's Grub Gang—Jim Lasswell**

**Wood Working Club—Matt Holway**

## Equestrian Connection

**Faith Broulliard**

Some exciting things are happening in October. A special thanks to the Social Committee for inviting the Equestrian Connection to hold a tack sale along side their yard sale, October 2. Equestrians clean up the tack that you no longer use, rent a space (\$20/table, bring your own) and keep all proceeds.

October 16 is the Poker Ride, Hike, Bike, and Golf Cart event. There will be two loops with the bridle trail exclusively for horses with everyone else using the inner loop. There will be seven numbered buckets on each loop. Each bucket will contain matching numbered envelopes. Take one envelope from each bucket. **DO NOT OPEN!** Once you collect seven envelopes #1-7 bring them to the Pavilion between 12:00-1:00 p.m. where we will open the envelopes and determine the winning hands. We will then enjoy pizza and salad for lunch. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$5. Get your registrations in. \$15 per person.



## Men's Grub Gang

**Jim Lasswell**

Similar to the Ladies Lunch Bunch, we meet monthly at a restaurant determined by the members. We began meeting again in August after the Covid pause and hope to continue hereafter. Notifications are sent out by email so if you are not on the list, contact me.

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

**Louise Ashbridge**

The McLendon Hills Lunch Bunch met on August 5th for the first time in over a year and a half. We were excited to be able to meet at Ironwood Café sitting outside with 14 ladies in attendance. Unfortunately it was decided that due to the current situation with Covid-19 in our area that we would cancel the September Lunch Bunch and reassess each month as we go. Lunch Bunch is open to all ladies of McLendon Hills; for more information or to sign up please contact me.



## Ladies Book Club

**Rachel Carr**

We meet monthly on the 3rd Monday afternoon @3:00 p.m. At the beginning of each year, our club members select the books for the year. Members take turns hosting and leading the discussion of each book selection. For September 21, we will gather at the home of Rachel Carr, and discuss **The Last Boat Out of Shanghai** by Helen Zia. In October we will discuss **The Dry** by Jane Harper. November's read is **A Piece of the World** by Christina Baker Klein. For our December meeting, we usually do not have a book discussion. The members will gather for a holiday luncheon...TBD. All Ladies of McLendon Hills and their invited guests are ALWAYS welcome to attend any of our very casual, informal book discussions.

As a post note...if you have not discovered our Book Nooks (located at the Pavilion), please do. I found a great paper-back, Liane Moriarty's **The Last Anniversary**. I also found a Judith McNaught book that I had not already read. As a matter of note, Anne Holway mentioned the Nooks need more selections for young readers so keep that in mind if you have books your children have out-grown. So, check-out these hidden gems....*Take A Book/Leave A Book*.

## Architectural Review Board

**Thom Giangrande**

Since the last newsletter, the ARB has approved four applications for new homes and one application is still under review. ARB applications are required for all new construction and many of the home and property improvement projects you undertake. This summer the ARB received many applications for home and property improvements. These include tree removal, driveway repair, adding fences, docks, pools, retractable awnings, barns, and major landscape changes. Some of these applications are submitted to the ARB on short notice to the work start date. When planning a property or home improvement project, please submit your application to the ARB early, even before you commit to a contractor. This early submission will relieve the need for the ARB to process your application on short notice. You run the risk of a delay to your project's start date if you wait until a few days prior to submit it.

Please remember the ARB is made up of volunteer neighbors who do this work out of a desire to support the administration of the POA. The covenants allow 30 days for the ARB to review and make a determination on all applications. We work much faster than that on applications that are not new home construction. The ARB has an open position. Please contact me if you are a POA member and interested in serving on the ARB.

## Communications Committee

**Danette Grider**

When was the last time you looked at The McLendon Hills POA website? The McLendon Hills POA website has a wealth of information about our development, our residents and activities and interest groups. There is a page dedicated for sharing of pictures of our pets, a page for recipes and a page for photos. If you have any ideas on other pages to put on the website, please let us know - Click on Contact Us and send a note to WebAdmin.

McLendonHillsPOA.com has lots of public links and features accessible only to those of us who own property and/or live here. The webmaster makes sure all personal information is kept private among us.

It is up to the property owners and residents to keep their profile information up-to-date on the MH Registry to ensure you continue to receive email communications concerning community activities or things going on in the community. When was the last time you updated your profile on the website?

Please help us make the POA website a place that new owners/residents as well as established owners/residents can go to for announcements, questions, pictures, etc. This is a good time to review your profile information to ensure your address and email information are current and correct.

## Labor Day



Mark Hainline provided a "dunker" for the entertainment of the residents. Hopefully, it will become a fixture at future community events.



### Ladies Day-Time Bunco

The dice were rolling again for Daytime Bunco in July and August. A special "Thank you" to Marti Barr for hosting our July Bunco and to Rachel Carr for hosting in August. It was a fun and wonderful time to get out and interact with others within the community. Unfortunately like other clubs within the community, Covid has caused us to suspend our meetings. We will be taking the pulse of the group each month to see if we want to play. We currently have an opening for another regular player. If you are interested in joining the group, please let me know. We play from 2 pm – 4 pm, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. It is a great way to meet others in the community and have fun! The requirement is that you have to be able to roll the dice.



**Danette Grider**

### Ladies Evening Bunco

Summer Bunco started out great at Kaye Zalkan's in June and at Rachel Carr's in July with a "Bad Hair Day" themed Bunco. Unfortunately Covid raised its ugly head again and both August and September Bunco were canceled out of caution for the safety of everyone. We are all hopeful that by October conditions will be better and we will be able to resume play. October Bunco is scheduled to be hosted by Danette Grider, November by Laura Brown, and December by Carol Houck. We want to welcome our newest member, Linda Cockerell, who joined us in July. I will be starting a Waiting List for any future openings for regular players as well as a second list for anyone interested in becoming a substitute player. If interested in being added to either list please contact Karen Marshall.

**Karen Marshall**

### Woodworking Club

The Woodworking Club reorganized this past Spring, meeting at the home of Matt and Anne Holway. The initial 2021 meeting attracted people of all skill and experience levels. Meeting preferences, project goals, and interests were discussed. Most members want to make items for the community as well as items for their own use. Recently, the Club built a new larger-boat rack now installed near the pavilion—about a dozen people participated in the build and installation over a couple of weekends. The heat of summer and vacations interrupted regular meetings since 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and the resurging pandemic has led to a current suspension of meetings.

Despite the interruptions, Matt responded to a request by the Amenities Committee to build a wood rack for the new pavilion fire pit. His creation was installed with the help of intrepid neighbors Earl Houck, Jason Collins, and Ben Dicks in late July. Everyone is welcome to contribute wood to the supply.

All members of the woodworking club can expect to learn new techniques and about tools they may have never used. Some members with less experience expressed interest in actual lessons on basics. This triggered Matt to begin a monthly *Wood 101* evening "class" intended to focus on a single topic (buying wood, using a jigsaw, etc.) that is open to anyone vaccinated. However, due to the pandemic, classes and meetings have been suspended. Anyone who would like to be notified when the meetings or classes resume, please stay in touch with Matt/Anne Holway.

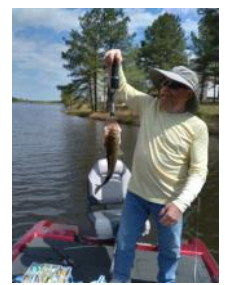
**Anne Holway**



### Lake and Wildlife Committee

The committee is in the process of pursuing several erosion control projects designed to reduce erosion and thereby silting of the Lake while following the Covenants' restrictions on work in wetlands and designated mitigation areas. Work will include restoring rip rap to water capture areas for road drains and culverts. In addition, the committee is pursuing a change in the fish population of our lake through stocking either large mouth bass or stripers. In addition, at the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the committee will be conducting expanded water quality testing to assure the community of the purity of our lake water and safety of our swimmers and boaters.

**Mark Hainline**



Real Estate News

Cristy Hunt

Welcome new property owners!

Mark and Stefaina G. from Leland, NC (Lot 149)

Jason and Michelle H. from Pinehurst, NC (Lot 164)

Bob and Julie L. from Lagrange, OH (Lot 288)

Bob and Barbara A. from Fayetteville, NC (Lot 353)

New Owner Testimonial:

“We are so excited to build a lakefront home at McLendon Hills. This place puts the hills in Sandhills. We enjoyed exploring the large lots and found it very easy to work with the team to purchase our spot. The lake really brings down the blood pressure.”

Jason & Michelle



Fall on the Lake

Garden Club

Nancy Seitz

As we bid farewell to the flowers of summer, an occasional cool morning fog on the lake begins to convince me that fall is on its way to McLendon Hills. Soon enough it will be time to plant chrysanthemums in the planters by my front door and refresh the colors of my garden with asters and pansies and flowering kale.

Autumn should bring new activities for the McLendon Hills Garden Club, but Covid caution continues so home hosted programs and far afield road trips remain for the future. While our September visit to the Ironwood Restaurant and chefs garden has once again been postponed, a bulb planting day in October will give all the volunteer gardeners in the neighborhood a chance to gather outside as we prepare the beds for a spring show of daffodils around the Flag Circle and Pavilion. Details will be posted on the website soon!

We will continue to look for opportunities to enjoy the art of flowers, the study of nature, and the pleasure of creating a garden, even as we respect the health and safety concerns of the moment. If you have questions or suggestions, or if you are interested in learning more about the garden club, contact Nancy.



Labor Day at the Pavilion



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*4th of July at the Pavilion*



**Special thanks to Ines Mongelli for organizing the games for the kids!**