



SUMMER 2020

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Social Committee . . .

Rachel Carr

Anyone living in McLendon Hills or visiting a resident here knows what a SOCIAL community we are. . . . Book Club, Bunco (2 groups), Equestrian Connection, Garden Club, Guys Grub Gang, Ladies Lunch Bunch, Wood Workers Club, Yacht Club, line dancing, Mah-jongg, and Hand and Foot on occasion. There may be others. Social distancing has been incomprehensible here. We are huggers and high-fivers! For 15+ weeks we have been socially disconnected.

At first we were afraid, we were petrified . . . Kept thinking we could never live without our groups side by side . . . But then spending so many nights thinking 'this is so wrong,' we all grew strong and learned how to get along . . . We didn't crumble, we didn't die, we weren't ready to say 'Good Bye' . . . Oh, no, we survived!! (My profuse apologies to Gloria Gaynor.)

Now that we are pros at masking and six-foot spacing, let's keep easing back into our social environment. Gathering at The Pavilion to hear music provided by the Southern Haze Band was an awesome way to do just that as we celebrated the start of summer and a bit more freedom. In July, we will celebrate the birth of our Nation with another gathering at The Pavilion and a Fishing Tournament will be forthcoming. Mailbox flyers will have more details.

Hopefully by September, we will be reporting all the fun that the various Activity Groups are having and will have more specifics for upcoming social events. SO, . . . Stay well!

~ SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EVENTS ~

July 4th Celebration ~ Saturday, Jul. 4

Fishing Tournament ~ TBD

Labor Day End of Summer Event ~ Monday, Sept. 7

Decorate MH Areas for Fall ~ TBD

Fall Yard Sale ~ Saturday, Oct. 3

Halloween Event ~ Saturday, Oct. 31

Annual POA Meeting ~ Saturday, Nov. 7

Decorate MH Areas for Holidays ~ TBD

Holiday Dinner ~ Saturday, Dec. 5

Flags are flown daily on neighbors' flagpoles and adorn many areas throughout McLendon Hills especially in the summer. The week of July 4th and again for Labor Day, flags will be placed at our front entrance, as they were for Flag Day on June 14th. Test your knowledge of the U.S. Flag and Flag Day:

1. True or False: Flag Day is a federal holiday.
2. How many stripes are on the U.S. flag?
3. What event created the greatest demand retailers ever experienced for U.S. flags?
4. A flag flown upside down signals what?
5. What branch of the U.S. Armed Forces shares its birthday with Flag Day?
6. True or False: To properly fly the flag at half-staff, you should first briefly hoist it to top of the staff, then lower it to the half-staff position.
7. When a flag is displayed against a flat surface or in a vertical orientation, the "union" field of stars should be where?
8. It is customary to store the flag folded into what shape?
9. What is the proper way to dispose of a flag that is worn out or is otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display?
10. Where is the nearest drop-off location for flags if you do not wish to dispose of a flag yourself?

Answers on page 3.

New Event ~ The Sophisticated Ladies, a Dance Group patterned after the Rockettes, proudly presents a patriotic performance on Friday, July 3rd, 7 p.m., at The Pavilion. Two McLendon Hills ladies perform with this group. Bring your own chairs and beverages.



McLendon Hills Activity Groups

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Guys Grub Gang ~ Peter Dotto,
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Wood Working Club ~ Matt Holway,
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Yacht Club ~ Sharon Lasswell,
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Equestrian Connection. . .

Faith Brouillard

Like everything, The McLendon Hills Equestrian Connection has been on hiatus due to COVID-19. It is not likely that we will get anything accomplished in the near future but we are looking forward to moving ahead.

So, here's a **CHALLENGE TO ALL EQUESTRIANS.**

Get costume creative! Hopefully, we can lift everyone's spirits with a Halloween ride on the inner loop for the entire community to enjoy sometime in October. I will put something out on the Equestrian Connection Facebook page asking for suggestions for dates and help with planning as the time approaches.

As you are putting away winter tack/horse clothes, this would be a great time to set things aside that you no longer need that we can use for a future tack sale.



Wood Working Club . . .

Matt Holway

We would love to report that the Wood Working Club has taken on all sorts of interesting projects but alas that is not the case, for the obvious reasons. We were able to deliver a few more turtle perches and at the request of the Lake and Wildlife Committee built three kayak racks for the pavilion area. If you have pressure treated wood you would like to donate towards kayak racks, we need:

- 2 x 4 (min. 18 inches)
- 2 x 6 (min. 18 inches)
- 5/4 x 6 (min. 4 feet) (standard thickness for treated porch decking)
- 4 x 6 (min. 6 feet)



Contact Matt Holway at mpholway@gmail.com to donate wood, order a turtle perch or join the Wood Working Club.

Lunch Bunch . . Louise Ashbridge

Lunch Bunch has been unable to meet since March due to COVID-19 but we look forward to seeing each other as soon as restrictions lift and restaurants can accommodate the size of our group (we average 23 each month). To find out when we will again meet to eat or join our group, contact me at l.ashbridge@yahoo.com.

Evening Bunco. . .

Karen Marshall

Who knew when we finished playing Bunco on February 27th that we wouldn't be seeing each other for several months due to a new virus! Although we still aren't ready to play, we do miss each other and decided to briefly get together as restrictions are relaxed a bit, using all the social distancing we can muster. Plenty of disinfecting going on to make this happen! Hopefully we will be able to actually play Bunco within the next couple of months.



Answers to trivia questions on page 1.

1. False.
2. Thirteen (13): 7 red and 6 white.
3. Sept. 11, 2001.
4. Distress.
5. The U.S. Army.
6. True. And, when lowering the flag from half-staff, it should be first briefly hoisted to the top of the staff before lowering.
7. Uppermost and to the left of the observer.
8. A triangular shape so that when completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.
9. It should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning or burying.
10. There is a drop-off box for retired flags at the at Seven Lakes Wine Shop.



Random acts of kindness ... Painted rocks displayed throughout the community



Spring Blooms in McLendon Hills



Architectural Review Board (ARB)...

Earl Houck

It is a busy time in McLendon Hills. As of early June, we have ten houses in various stages of construction, we just approved two more new construction projects, and we have one more application being finalized. There are currently four different builders active in the community and a fifth coming soon. But it is not all new construction; summer is a time for renovations and changes. Please remember that exterior renovations or changes, major landscaping projects, addition of patios or pools, drainage projects, removal of trees over six inches in diameter, and any project involving heavy equipment requires ARB approval. If you have questions, contact any ARB member or email us through the "Contact Us" section of the POA website.

Equestrian Committee...

Amie Collins

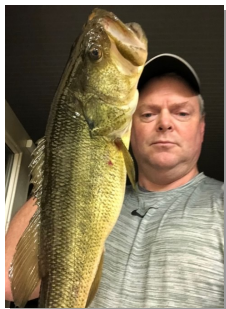
Summer is here and you will see many of our neighborhood horses out and about. After a long quarantine, the Carolina Horse Park is open and beginning its summer War Horse and Tall Boot Show Series. While spectators are not allowed, if you want to get out of the house and spend the day watching beautiful horses and cheering on some of your neighbors, please consider volunteering. We are fortunate to have such an amazing equestrian facility in our back yard.

The covered Protz Arena at the Equestrian Center has been improved with 3,000 pounds of GGT footing. Trail work will continue in the next few weeks to maintain our perimeter trails. We are battling a wet spring but expect to get things back in tip top shape soon.



Lake and Wildlife Committee . . .

Peter Dotto



Fish, Fish, Fish . . . Look at this recent catch by Dan Barnes. Who said you couldn't catch a big one in Lake Troy Douglas? Our lake is still overstocked with fish—all species—so do your part and get out and fish! Keep or dispose of all you catch, except bass over 17" per the 2020 Catch and Release Guidelines. We hope to be able to conduct the second annual Fishing Tournament some time this summer.

Boat Stickers . . . [NEW] Registering your watercraft is now easier. You may submit the registration form for your boat and other watercraft on-line through the McLendon Hills POA website (on the Lake and Wildlife page). You may also download a copy of the form.

Dogs . . . We have many new neighbors and more are expected as construction continues in McLendon Hills. Many residents are outdoors enjoying the warmer weather, nature, and walking their dogs. Even though a lot is not built on (yet), it is still private property. Be mindful of your neighbors and clean up after your dog after he does his business. Cleaning up after your animals everywhere is important, and it is the neighborly thing to do.



Other Animals . . . We live in an area where seeing wildlife is normal. Who doesn't enjoy seeing a fox squirrel, wild turkeys, red foxes and various waterfowl, or all the fuzzy goslings, baby rabbits and fawns as they grow? As in all other nearby neighborhoods, a snake is occasionally seen but there is no cause for alarm. Just be aware of your surroundings when you are outside and if you should happen to see one, just walk away.

If you are interested in wildlife common to this area, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (www.ncwildlife.org) is a good source of information. Information on wildlife in McLendon Hills can be found on the POA website (www.mclendonhillspoa.com) under the Lake and Wildlife Committee (LWC).

Amenities Committee . . .

Tom Seitz

As we move into Summer, residents continue to enjoy the Amenities Area. Outdoor activities are some of the best and healthiest ways to pass the time during pandemic restrictions. We have provided a kayak cart to make it easier for you to transport your kayak, SUP or canoe from the rack or parking area down to the water. The lake water quality remains excellent and ideal for wading or swimming (be safe!).

The Pavilion is a great place for a family outing or picnic. Indoor and outdoor games available for your use are in the storage room behind the restrooms. Please remember to put away equipment and close and lock the doors of The Pavilion building after use. The Point also remains available for residents' to use.

Fishing has been good from the observation deck and along the face of the dam (please use care when walking on the rocks). Fishing is also good at the Point.

Work on additional amenities has been slowed by the pandemic but is ramping up as businesses start to reopen. The committee hopes to have additions and improvements in place later this year.



Garden Club . . .

Nancy Seitz

Garden Club has had an abbreviated year of programs and field trips, but thanks to Cassie Chandler's kind invitation in May, we were able to visit individually and enjoy roses in the delightfully appointed Chandler garden. In September, we plan to tour the vegetable garden at Ironwood, followed by lunch on the patio. The amenities area landscaping plan calls for planting of perennials and small shrubs, so our October meeting will be a planting day at The Pavilion. Any willing workers will be most welcome! Contact Nancy Seitz at nancy@twseitz.com to learn more.



Congratulations to our Spring 2020 Graduates!!



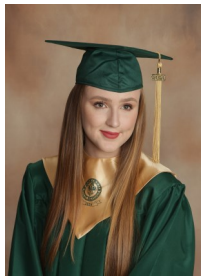
Alexandra Barnes

Alexandra graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Religious Studies and a 3.93 GPA. She is volunteering with hospice during her gap year and plans to apply to divinity school in the fall. Allie was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta, and Theta Alpha Kappa, and was the 2020 recipient of the Bernard Boyd Memorial Prize, the chancellor's award given to the most outstanding senior religious studies major.



Olivia L. Listrom

Olivia graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BS degree in double majors, Chemistry and Psychology, with a minor in Neuroscience. She received this degree being on the Dean's List and with Distinction. Olivia has been hired as Lab Manager in a Psycho-Social laboratory at UNC Chapel Hill for the coming year. During this time, she is working diligently on completing all application components required for acceptance into Medical School.



Kendall Hilliard

Kendall graduated from Pinecrest High School with honors and was recognized as an AP Scholar of Distinction by The College Board. A member of the National Honor Society and Executive Board for the Student Government Association, she was also active in Chamber Choir, Key Club and church activities. Kendall volunteers for the Moore Humane Society. Kendall will attend UNC Chapel Hill in the fall where she plans to major in Political Science.

Real Estate News....

Cristy Hunt

Welcome new property owners, Ed and Kathleen from New Mexico. They purchased Lots 349 & 248 and plan to start construction in the near future.

We are starting to see more customer activity now that travel restrictions have lifted. Buyers are indicating their plans to move are changing to sooner rather than later.

Stay tuned for upcoming Featured Lot Specials! Our updates are done at the first of each month.

The Ideal-LIVING editors have just chosen **McLendon Hills** as one of the **Best Eco-Friendly Communities** to be showcased in the **5th Annual Summer 2020 Best of the Best** special issue.

"During our experience from finding McLendon Hills, purchasing our dream lot and designing our dream home the one phrase I kept saying to my husband was "This place is heaven to me". One of the most important features for me was to have the opportunity to have my horse close by and board at the beautiful barn and have access to amazing trails and arenas. Heaven. The entire design process was so much fun and we were able to build the perfect house for us. Heaven. And the proximity to excellent golf courses for my husband was a huge plus. Heaven. We are so grateful to have found such a wonderful and welcoming community to call home --- heaven." Elizabeth Owens



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Neighbors enjoying the Southern Haze Band at The Pavilion, June 2020 ~ **THANK YOU SOUTHERN HAZE!**

