



# McLendon Hills

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## Social Committee Update . . .

Rachel Carr

Spring is in the air ... robins, crickets chirping, blooming daffodils and Yard Sale reminders ... all familiar signs of seasonal change here in McLendon Hills (MLH).

Several events are already scheduled for this year. The first is the **Annual Spring-Cleaning Yard Sale, Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Mailbox flyers were distributed with all the details. We so depend on your generosity in contributing unwanted or unneeded items. Yard Sale proceeds are used for events the Social Committee plans . . . the Social Committee does not use POA funds. Thank you in advance for your support!

We have a hard-working group serving on this committee . . . many of us have served several years (because we have such fun) and a few just joined. You'll find their names on the POA website under the Committees Tab. Our significant others don't attend our meetings but they're vital in helping us load, move and clean-up before, during and after events. Many thanks to them and our honorary committee members (Terry and Michele Julius, Deb Appice and Moe Stewart) for also serving on our team.



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He's back 'home' in Lake Troy Douglas

**SPRING  
2019**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS — SAVE THE DATE — PLAN TO ATTEND

**April 6 (Sat.) 7 a.m. — noon ... Spring-Cleaning Yard Sale - at MLH Sales Office Area**

**May 4 (Sat.) 9:30 a.m. .... Semi-annual POA Meeting - at The Pavilion**

**May 27 (Mon.) .... Summer Kick-Off Potluck - at The Pavilion**

**July 4th (Thurs.) .... All-American Cook-Off and Patriotic Celebration -at The Pavilion**

**September 2 (Mon.) .... Labor Day Dock Hop and Social - all around Lake Troy Douglas**

**October 5 or 12 (Sat.) .... Fun 'n Fall Yard Sale - at MLH Sales Office Area**

**November 2 (Sat.) .... Semi-annual POA Meeting - Location TBD**

**November Date TBD .... Hanging of the Greens - Starts at the Julius' Garage**

**December 7 or 14 (Sat.) .... Crock of Cheer / Chili Cook-Off - at The Pavilion**

## Equestrian Insights . . .

With warmer days and drier weather more horses will be on our trails, but not everyone is familiar with horses. When you encounter a horse, please speak up—it will recognize a human voice. A horse's first instinct in an unfamiliar or perceived dangerous situation is to flee. That's why vehicles, joggers or bicycles speeding up alongside them, or noises from power equipment, children playing or us enjoying the outdoors, can spook a horse. If this happens, it may put the horse, its rider and you in danger. Remember to S-A-S (**Slow - Ask - Speak**): A *slow* approach gives the horse time to evaluate the situation and relax; *ask* and get permission from the owner before you touch or feed a horse; and *speak* to the horse and its rider to help prevent an accident —safety is everyone's business.

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THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER  
HAS TWO NEW SHEDS . . .

## McLendon Hills (MLH) Activity Groups . . .

**Bunco** — daytime is 2nd Tues. & evening is last Thurs. each month

Danette Grider (daytime Bunco), (630) 532-3715, tgrider760@aol.com

Karen Marshall (evening Bunco), (910) 783-5506, Karen4Clark@gmail.com

**Book Club** — 3rd Mon. each month

Rachel Carr, (910) 783-7994, rachelcarr5010@gmail.com

What We're Reading . . . April ~ *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* (John Le Carre);

May ~ *Educated, A Memoir* (Tara Westover); June ~ *Clan of the Cave Bear* (Jean Auel)

**Equestrians of McLendon Hills** — 1st Tues. odd months

Johnny Brown, (307) 389-0936, johnny@chemtracers.com

Carol Houck, (410) 206-9934, cshouck171@gmail.com

**Garden Club** — 2nd Thursday, Jan. - Apr. and Sept. - Nov.

Nancy Seitz, (216) 272-8073, Nancy@twseitz.com

**Men's Grub Gang** — 1st Thurs. each month

Contact Peter Dotto, (910) 673-3459, or dottop8@gmail.com

**Ladies Lunch Bunch** — 1st Thurs. each month

Louise Ashbridge, (302) 450-8360, l.ashbridge@yahoo.com

**McLendon Hills Yacht Club** — Apr. - Sept.

Sharon Lasswell, (240) 643-7091, Olney88@gmail.com

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors** — As needed

Matt Yelcich, (910) 673-3701, mattyelcich@embarq.com

**Woodworkers** — This is a new group for all skill levels. Call for details. Matt Holway, (919) 452-6977, mpholway@gmail.com

Go to the MLH POA website (under Our Community) for Activity Group schedules, rosters, and other details, or contact the persons listed above.



Bunco Friends help Kay Z. celebrate her birthday.

## Architectural Review Board (ARB) Notes . . .

Earl Houck

With five homes under construction, two recently completed with residents moved in, and at least two more starting soon, McLendon Hills continues to grow. In Spring, many of us renew our landscaping and start new projects (e.g., patios, sheds, docks, fencing or upgraded drainage). If heavy equipment, exterior remodeling or additions, fences, retaining walls, cutting of trees over six inches in diameter, or major changes to your property or dwelling are involved, ARB approval is required before you start. The ARB Guidelines and forms are available on the POA website (look under Boards and Workgroups, then ARB, then bottom of page under Minutes). The Guidelines list projects that require prior approval and those that don't. If in doubt, please contact the ARB via the link on the POA website (under Welcome, then Contact Us, select ARB) or email Earl Houck at earaho@gmail.com. Like all of our Boards and Committees, the ARB is a volunteer organization, always seeking interested residents to join our effort on behalf of our community.

## Lake & Wildlife Committee . . .

Peter Dotto

Spring is here and it's important to consider the type of fertilizer you use, especially for lake front lots. Since fertilizer can run-off into the lake, it is important to use fertilizer with a low phosphorus content. Phosphorus concentrations can be harmful to fish and can lead to rapid growth of algae in our lake water. Phosphorus (also called phosphate) is the 2nd number in the 3-number system for fertilizer (e.g., 10-0-10 fertilizer mean 10 percent nitrogen, 0 percent phosphorus, 10 percent potassium). Thus, 10-0-10 is the safest to use near the lake shore line. Additionally, you should have at least a two-foot buffer of tall grasses along the shoreline to retard fertilizer runoff.

This information is not just for lake lots—many of us have streams running though or adjacent to our property. Runoff into streams eventually finds its way into our lake so be conscious of the phosphorous content of your fertilizer.

Be sure to regularly check your email, mailbox, our community Facebook page and the POA website, [www.mclendonhillspoa.com](http://www.mclendonhillspoa.com), for "social happenings," POA announcements, and more.

Remember, the contact details in your profile on the website are what is used to communicate official POA information and community news. Keeping your contact information updated helps keep you in-the-know. We encourage you upload and share photos you take of the beautiful sights in our community or events you host or attend. Our webmaster has made it easy to share these in photo albums on the website.

To submit articles, ideas or photos for the next newsletter, contact Carol Houck, Communications Committee Chairperson, (410) 206-9934, [cshouck171@gmail.com](mailto:cshouck171@gmail.com).

*"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## Spirit Items with McLendon Hills Logo . . .

You may have seen neighbors wearing various clothing items with the McLendon Hills Logo. Quite a few neighbors who moved here since our "Spirit Sale" in 2016, have been asking where to buy these items. The answer is . . . we can order them. Here are just a few of the items available—there are many more options. If you are interested, contact Sharon Lasswell at (240) 643-7091 or at [Olney88@gmail.com](mailto:Olney88@gmail.com).

If you just want McLendon Hill License Plates, those are available at the Sales Office. ONE per residence is complimentary. Additional are \$10 each.



## DID YOU KNOW? . . .

One of the most comprehensive listings of Events and Entertainment in the local area can be found through *The Pines Times*. There are about 45 categories of events featured. They've made their site easy to use . . . you can search for events by date, location within Moore County or type of event. To view hundreds of happenings, visit <https://www.thepinestimes.com>. There is an option to sign up for their email list and get a weekly update of activities in "The Pines."

*A McLendon Hill's Event you won't find in  
The Pines Times*

### **Line Dancing with Terry and Michele Julius**

*at The Pavilion, Wednesdays  
in April and May at 7:00 p.m.*

*No fees, no experience, no partners, no  
RSVP ... Just come have fun!!*



## Garden Club News . . .

**Nancy Seitz**

Our February Club topic was Septic Systems. Guest speaker, Jonathan Godfrey, instructed us on everything we need to know about residential septic systems. His masterful blend of technical information, lessons learned across our state and humor kept us spellbound. After answers to a plethora of questions, we left with new respect for and the vital technology in our own backyards, and a commitment to properly maintain it! Jonathan has coauthored four articles that summarize some of what he presented: "Septic Systems and Their Maintenance," "Septic System Owner's Guide," "Why Do Septic Systems Fail?," and "Soils and Water Quality." You can find these articles through NC State Extension Publications at <https://www.content.ces.ncsu.edu>.

In April, we will learn about Monarch Butterflies and Other Pollinators from Master Gardener, Linda Acker. In May, we'll increase our knowledge during a guided walk through the Horticultural Gardens at Sandhills Community College. New members are always welcome to the Garden Club.

## *Who are you kiddin'?*

**Garden Club visited Paradox Farm in West End on March 14th. This farmstead raises and breeds goats, and produces various goat milk products. This farm also makes artisan cow milk cheese.**



## Real Estate News....

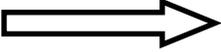
Cristy Hunt

Spring has sprung and so far 2019 is off to a great start! We had successful turnouts at each Ideal Living trade show we attended, and have several tours booked. We've toured 2 from the Pennsylvania show - one of which is contracted to purchase a lot.

Other lot sales for the first quarter include Lot 229 to Mark and Sandy Stewart who have lived in McLendon Hills over the years - this will be their third home built.

Tim and Deborah Graves from FL purchased Lot 335.

And, McLendon Home Construction Company purchased Lot 234 to construct a new model home for sale.

The new spec home for sale on Vista Drive is now under contract. 

Our last two spec homes, which we refer to as custom homes awaiting their new owners, were purchased prior to completion. We are currently planning to construct two more homes in 2019.

Customer activity tends to thrive off one another...tours are overlapping and local agents showings have recently picked up. After we tour potential buyers, they are encouraged to go out on their own and spend time walking property. They may even stop to talk to current owners for more information about the community.

We have entered 4 homes in the Moore County Home Builders Association Home of the Year Awards. The awards will be announced later in April. We're hoping for Roger to continue his winning streak! As he finishes up the Harmon's home on Far View, he will soon begin construction for the Martins on Lot 172. Other new construction is happening throughout McLendon Hills.



*Be sure to inquire about our Spring Special Incentives!*





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**Beautiful views . . . Kayakers in February. . . And horses, too.**

