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A WORD FROM YOUR COA BOARD CHAIR

by Mary McKenna

As I mentioned in the last issue of the Voice, at this year's annual COA meeting, we received a very strong response from residents in attendance that had an interest in expanding Landfall's current network of **sidewalks** along Pembroke Jones Drive and Arboretum Drive. This has obviously been an area of concern to many residents for some time, and as Landfall has developed, with associated growth in population and traffic, the issue becomes more important each year. In response to this, the COA Board put together an ad hoc committee to conduct research and compile a study of the many aspects of this issue as well as a survey that will be sent to all Landfall property owners in the near future.

In light of the importance of this issue, and the financial implications to all of Landfall's property owners, we will be **conducting this survey** to gauge the overall support prior to spending association funds on engineering plans, property surveys, etc. Please make sure that the COA has your email address so that you may participate electronically. Property owners who have no email address on file will be sent a paper survey.

Also in response to concerns from the annual meeting, the **tax review** ad hoc committee is actively meeting and conducting research, which includes in part the overall taxes paid by Landfall owners, services received from the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County as well as researching assessment comparisons and options available to Landfall. Once this information has been compiled, it will be provided to the COA Board for direction.

I hope you have noticed that work on the Eastwood perimeter wall has begun. So much of our budget goes into things we cannot see

(storm water system and road work). It is great to have a project that results in an improvement that is so visual and enhances the overall ambiance of Landfall.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LANDFALL COMMUNITY

On another note, I would like to acknowledge a major milestone of a treasured Landfall employee: Russell James, **Chief of Landfall Security** celebrates 30 years of service on August 4th. Chief James began his career with Landfall in the summer of 1986 and has since become one of the most appreciated and well-known members of our staff.

Chief James loves to travel and looks forward to taking many more trips to his favorite destination, Glacier National Park in Montana, as seen in the photo below.

We are extremely grateful for his many years of service to Landfall residents.



Chief James at Glacier National Park in 2013

Maintenance Update

by Steve Hughes

What a difference a year makes; last year, we were dealing with record rainfall amounts and this year we have had periods where we were increasing our irrigation amounts to the max due to high temperatures. The **heat and humidity** this year has been unreal. Despite all of that, calling Wilmington home is wonderful.

As we move forward through the summer of 2016, let me share with you some of our projects that are underway. The **walls along Eastwood Road** are starting to be refinished (I know, it's about time) and within the next couple of months all entrances will be completed to include the security buildings as well.

Landfall Lake's increased water level has reduced a few of the invasive weeds, but the lily pads are still out of control. We are looking into options for having a great number of these removed; I will keep you posted as we get closer to a solution.

Several new flower beds have been added around the property as well as new plantings. I would like to thank Jeff, Zack, Caron and Julianne, our horticulturists, for all their amazing designs and efforts.

Now for some interesting facts!

The **rainfall total** from the beginning of 2016 through the month of June is at 24.4" compared to 28.2" through June of 2015. During the last few weeks of the heat wave, the COA maintenance department has averaged a daily consumption of 100 gallons of water and 25 gallons of Gatorade as the employees power through the hot temperatures. Since it is that time of year, let's talk about lightning. You may not know that **lightning strikes** the earth approximately 100 times every second and each bolt can contain up to a billion volts of electricity. A single bolt of lightning can reach temperatures up to 5 times hotter than the temperature of the sun! Here is one fact that is truly amazing and is important to remember, because it could save your life. Lightning can travel up to 3 miles underground, so when the sky is looking threatening and ominous, seek shelter and don't risk it. Sooner than later is better than being a fried green tomato...Okay that was bad, but I bet you'll remember it.

Ponds

Lakes and ponds... I use these terms loosely, as there is no scientific difference between the two. For the sake of this article I will refer to all bodies of water in Landfall as ponds.

Ever ask yourself why there is a pond in one location and not in another? Why one is big and another one so small? Or maybe you have never really thought about it. Please continue to read anyway because I believe you will learn some interesting facts about Landfall's storm water ponds and cleaning storm water for a healthier environment.

The size and locations of ponds are often determined by the size of area which is being developed, the number of homes and miles of roads etc. There are several government agencies that have laws and rules which go into the size and location of these ponds as well. These same rules and laws apply to golf course construction. The ponds in Landfall are referred to as **retention ponds**. This is important to remember. They are not swimming pools and never will be, so they will not be treated to look like one. Once again there are laws that prevent this. Their sole purpose is to collect and clean storm water. When it rains, the water runs off roofs, driveways, lawns and streets and heads toward storm drains, ditches and eventually into the ponds. Along with the water, everything the water comes in contact with ends up in the ponds as well; oil, fuel, rubber, fertilizer, animal feces, paint, pollen... I will stop there, you get the point.

We humans likely think this is all pretty disgusting; however, there are many different organisms, animals, insects and plant species that literally eat this stuff up. Many of these **species live in and around our ponds**. The more food sources exist, the more plant and animal species will be around and in the ponds. So much for the clean looking pond! Algae, aquatic weeds and the like are eating up all those nutrients and getting bigger and bigger. So, we spray and spray trying to control the algae and weeds and then it rains and rains and the vicious cycle goes on and on. Sometimes we win this battle quickly and sometimes it takes a lot longer to get things under control.

Our ponds also have sand bottoms by design. The sand bottoms allow the water to infiltrate through the bottom back into the ground, which is another way Mother Nature cleans her water. As the water passes through the ground (nature's water filter), it cleans itself.

Keep in mind that there is a level at which the ponds are kept. In the past, our retention ponds have been kept to what is called the **emergency spill level**, which means they're kept to a very full point until they spill over into the next pond in the system (or the Intracoastal Waterway or Howe's Creek). Once again, there are state laws that dictate these conditions. Let me explain, once it starts raining, the ponds are already at their maximum level, so the storm water entering the pond immediately spills over the spillway and does not allow for any of the fertilizers, oils and chemicals I talked about earlier to settle out to the bottom of the pond before it goes to the next pond in the system. If the ponds are already at their maximum level and we get heavy rains, the water has only two choices, to find a different route to that pond or to sit there and wait until there's room for the water to enter the pond. In doing this, the water **backs up our storm drains**, comes out our catch basins and starts to

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flood the roads making them (in some cases) impassable or very dangerous to drive on. Again, not a very positive result. With the ponds at their maximum level and our contractors spraying for the aquatic weeds and algae at the legal standard we are allowed, what happens when it rains or the wells are running? The **aquatic herbicides** are diluted and washed down into the next pond or out into the Intracoastal Waterway... it does not give them any time to work against their target species and to get the kind of control we need to get the ponds to the conditions we are looking for in the future.

Now that we all understand the basics of our storm water systems and ponds throughout the community, the next time you're washing your car, fertilizing your yard, or washing your paint brushes down by the street, **please remember** where all this ends up. Let's continue to work together to help keep Landfall the beautiful place you call home.

One more quick reminder, if you need to reach the COA maintenance department, you can call directly at: 910-256-7604 or email maintenance@landfall.org.

Thank you all and have a safe and wonderful summer!

Golf Course Safety

The Country Club of Landfall proposed the following reminder be disseminated to all Landfall residents periodically. As you know, the CCL is a private club and establishes rules for its property's access and use. It should be noted that none of the COA dues is given to CCL for maintenance of CCL facilities. Please observe this rule.

Landfall residents, please be aware that the property owned by the Country Club of Landfall is only to be used by members and their accompanied guests. Club property includes all facilities, golf courses and cart paths.

The golf course, in particular, is for use by those playing golf. Any other use during golfing hours would be in violation of this policy. When the course is not open for play, CCL members and accompanied guests are permitted to use the paths for recreational activities such as walking or cycling. Nonmembers are not permitted on the course or paths at any time.

Country Club of Landfall is not responsible for any damage or injury to you or your property in violation of this policy. For safety reasons, during golfing hours anyone other than registered golfers will be asked to leave the course.



Landfall Foundation's annual juried art show, sponsored by Landfall Realty is scheduled for August 24-27 in the Dye Clubhouse. One hundred North Carolina artists will participate in many different mediums including 3D art, oils, watercolors, acrylics, photography, sculpture in clay, metal, mixed media and ceramics. On Wednesday, August 24 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm there will be a special preview party for Landfall Foundation Gala and Art Show sponsors only.

The event is open to the public starting on Thursday with a cash bar offered each evening. For more info about the show or the Landfall Foundation, please visit: www.landfallfoundation.org.

Golf Course Roughs

The COA would like to take a moment to address the concerns that have been forwarded to the COA regarding the CCL roughs. We have received calls, emails and texts regarding the Club's decision to allow the non-playing areas to grow longer than we are all accustomed to. As you may know, the COA and CCL are two **completely separate entities**, and while there is strong collaboration between the two, one entity does not control or govern the other.

As concerns surrounding this issue have grown, your COA

management team has **researched the governing documents** of Landfall to simply confirm once more that the aesthetics of CCL property are not subject to the ARC guidelines or COA rules and regulations.

The most appropriate and productive approach for residents and non-resident club members would be to **respectfully present your concerns** to the CCL management team, greens committee or the CCL Board. Please know that all concerns presented to the COA have been forwarded to the CCL management team.

Help us go paperless! Sign up to receive the Voice newsletter by email and enjoy it in full color! For more information, please email: kstarnold@landfall.org or call 910-256-7651.

Thank you!



Save the Date! The 15th annual Fall Festival will be held October 8, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the COA recreation site. The Fall Festival is a community wide event that has been one of Landfall's favorite traditions for Landfall residents and guests of all ages. This year, the festival will feature several new events, as well as all of the old favorites.

New this year

- **A Pickleball Exhibition** will be given by members of the Cape Fear Pickleball Club, including some Landfall residents. Vendors will be selling the latest equipment and accessories and a raffle of equipment and lessons will also be held. Raffle tickets will be sold during the festival only, but you do not have to be present to win.
- **Expanded Game Activities** for children. For 2-5 year olds, a fishing pond, several Sesame Street toss and kick themed games as well as lawn bowling and ring toss boards are being added this year. Also, new lacrosse and soccer themed kick and throw games are on the agenda for 6-10 year olds and older children can look forward to lacrosse and soccer target games that test aim and accuracy. Raffle tickets for kids' gift bags will be sold in the games area during the event, but it is not necessary to be present at the drawing to win.
- **Cars of Landfall Exhibit** will feature the special cars of Landfall residents, who will be on hand to talk about the history and the features of these prized possessions.

Old Favorites

Pumpkin painting, sand art, temporary tattoos, pony rides, hayrides, Mr. Magic's balloon creations, and sports team mascots will all be featured as usual.

No Fall Festival would be complete without the traditional **plant sale**, so start making your shopping list for brightly colored annuals to enhance your gardens and for pumpkins just in time for Halloween decorating.

The **silent auction** event will return with an even wider assortment of auction items donated by local businesses as well as individuals. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be sold at the Landfall postal stations on selected days in late September and early October as well as at the festival. It is not necessary to be present at the drawing to win.

Festival Food and Drink

Of course, there's the cookout with hot dogs, chili dogs,

hamburgers, and cheese burgers, prepared by CCL's chef. Root beer floats, made with Boombalatti's delicious ice cream will also be served, and Spooky Meals that feature a surprise are again on the kids' menu. Wine and beer are available for adults.

The bake sale will also return with impossible to resist delights, some donated by local businesses and some homemade by Landfall residents.

Proceeds from the festival **benefit the Kenan Chapel**, a 501(c)(3) trust organization contributing to facility maintenance and its free community concert series; funds are shared with the Great Oaks Club, to support its landscape and wildlife environment projects. For more information about the festival or to become a sponsor, donor, or volunteer, contact: Steve Burdt at (910)256-5895 or Mike Kane at (910) 679-4184.

The Frank H. Kenan Chapel Presents:



Peter Borgia, pianist, on September 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Peter brings an exceptional program featuring pieces from Scarlatti, Beethoven and Chopin. Peter Borgia has been playing piano since age 8. He studied on scholarship at the Crouse School of Music at Syracuse University and the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music. He has played with the Manhattan String Quartet and has been the Music and Choir Director for several churches over the years.

The concert begins at 5:00 pm with a reception following at the Country Club of Landfall. Complimentary tickets are available at the NE Branch of the New Hanover County Library on September 12th. Donations are graciously appreciated and accepted by the Kenan Chapel. Please visit: www.kenanchapel.com for additional information.



NEWS FROM LANDFALL CERT

Landfall CERT has plans to sponsor a CPR and FIRST AID training class in mid-October. If you have never taken one of these classes, we encourage you to attend; it could save a loved one's life. If you are a member of the CERT organization, your certification may need to be renewed. Either way, these classes are an important way to be prepared. Classes will be held at the NE Regional Library and there will be a small course fee which will be announced at a later date.

To accommodate those with busy schedules, we plan to offer an evening class to be held in the large conference room of the COA, which would begin at 5:30 pm and would last a minimum of 2.5 hours. In order for us to prepare, we need to have a count of how many people would be interested in the evening class. If the evening class is of interest to you, please contact CERT Management at: lfcert@gmail.com.

Finally, the Board of Directors of Landfall CERT is making changes to its membership requirements and will be initiating a membership drive. Membership forms will be offered at the First Aid/CPR classes. If you want to find out more now about membership in CERT, please contact us at: lfcert@gmail.com.



INVESTORS ROUNDTABLE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH AT NOON AT CCL

Investors Roundtable of Wilmington's next program will feature McKinsey & Co. Senior Partner & Leader of the Global Insurance Practice, Devin McGranahan. His presentation: "From Repair and Replace to Predict and Prevent – Rapid Changes in Insurance," promises to give us a new look at the world of insurance.

The group welcomes new members from the greater Wilmington area and guests are encouraged. The annual membership fee, including luncheon, is \$170, but is prorated after February. The pro-rated fee for the balance of 2016, beginning with the September 8th program is \$80. Check us out and complete the application on our website: <http://investors-roundtable.com/application> or, obtain a copy at our meetings.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 6th, the scheduled program is: "Blackrock Funds, Market Strategist or a Fund Manager" (Guest speaker: S. Catlin).



Once again, Landfall's annual 4th of July parade and festivities was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated and came out to celebrate with us!!



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New Owners & Recent Transfers

Joe & PJ Giaritelli 2134 Deer Island Lane Of Greensboro, NC	Kevin & Karla Donovan 1909 South Moorings Drive Of Skillman, NY	Randy & Donna Wattlelet 608 Bedminister Lane Of Centreville, VA
Kevin & Michelle Kernan 2029 Balmoral Place Of Nottingham, England	Phil & Pat Faris 536 Moss Tree Drive Of San Antonio, TX	Roc & Tracey McCarthy 2013 Scrimshaw Place Of Leland, NC
Bud Blanton 1020 Arboretum Drive Of Wilmington, NC	Karen Staley 2220 Mason's Point Place Of Frederick, MD	Thomas & Michelle Luschen 804 Howe's Point Place Of Nashville, TN
Anthony T. & Carol Nash 525 Moss Tree Drive Of Kinnelon, NJ	Dale & Sharon Smith 816 Bedminister Lane Of Wilmington, NC	James & Margaret Mathis 1947 Prestwick Lane Of Wilmington, NC
Jeff & Nancy Kellermann 2009 Northstar Place Of Arlington Heights, IL	Chris Brown 2101 Ainsdale Court Of Paris, France	Neda Pourdeyhimi 1141 Arboretum Drive Of Wilmington, NC
Sandra Hall 1332 South Moorings Drive Of Wilmington, NC	Bob & Florence Ferguson 1432 Quadrant Circle Of Amelia Island, FL	Jack & Susan Bostrom 936 Arboretum Drive Of Raleigh, NC
Fred Sturm 1204 Rising Tide Court Of Camarillo, CA	Henry E. Miller, III 1216 Arboretum Drive Of Wilmington, NC	Andrew & Gina Reger 521 Moss Tree Drive Of Ocean Isle, NC

LANDFALL FACTS

Year to date as of July 2016

Owned Lots Paying Dues	1979
Homes Complete	1690
Homes Under Construction	25
ARC Homes in Process	7
Homes for Sale	123
Lots for Sale	53
Homes Sold	56
Lots Sold	16

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