



NATIONAL BULLETIN

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NPOA Update November 2017

Fellow Members,

As we proceed through Q4 of our fiscal year we would like to provide you with a year-to-date update on the NPOA and the National community in general. Here are a few highlights.

Building Starts: Since the purchase by Pinehurst Country Club we have experienced a tremendous growth spurt in new construction. Last year alone we had 20 new housing starts; the prior year it was 20-plus. Based on our current level of starts 10 year-to-date with one more on the way.... we appear to be headed for more normal growth.

Budgets: We forecasted 15 starts this year. Because of the shortfall in projected revenue we started running slightly behind on our budgets. To reverse this trend and get back on track we have made several adjustments that have gotten our spending back in-line with our revenue. The two main areas of adjustment were:

-Landscaping & Maintenance: The Board brought in 3 independent contractors to assess our manpower needs as a community. The consensus was that during the Spring and Summer months we require 3 full-time workers to maintain the property to our standards, and 2-3 workers during the Fall and Winter. Since we had 4 full time workers on staff, as of October 1st, we found it necessary to lay-off one full-time worker. This will result in a Q4 savings of approximately \$6,500 and an annual savings of approximately \$26,000 including the cost of benefits.

-Administration: With the falloff in new construction and a switch to a more automated outsourcing of payroll to ADP, we have reduced our staffing hours at the NPOA Office from 40 to 30 hours per week. While Security remains a 24/7 function at National, as of October 1st, the administrative office will only be opened daily from 8:30AM to 2:30PM.

Ballybunion/Ballybunion Park: Tri-City's Ballybunion project is now well underway. Several houses are in various stages of construction and the park itself is a beautiful space

that can be enjoyed by the entire Community. We have had requests from residents to hold parties and other get-togethers at the park and since the park is the property of the NPOA (i.e., you!) you are welcome to do so! Please note, liability/indemnification waivers and an agreement to perform cleanup will need to be signed. Please contact Twinkle Schaefer for more information.

Speeding/Walkers/Joggers & Cyclists: Speeding by residents, contractors, and guests continues to be a problem on our streets. To enforce compliance with our 25 mile per hour speed limit, we are considering employing a photacam to record speeds. Speeders will be ticketed and issued appropriate penalties (please see our Rules & Regulations regarding traffic violations). Residents are also reminded that drivers must always yield to pedestrians, dog-walkers and cyclists. Pedestrians, dog-walkers and cyclists have the right-of-way! As a friendly reminder to our walkers and joggers please wear bright colors and walk or jog toward on-coming traffic to ensure visibility and awareness. Cyclists should ride with the flow of traffic.

“See Something; Say Something”: While the phrase has entered usage for other more serious situations, if you see something related to maintenance, landscaping or any other neighborhood routine matters please reach out to any Board Member listed on the NPOA website. For security matters, dial the front gate at 910-295-4381. However, in an emergency or situations requiring police action, call 911 for the Southern Pines Police Department.

Elections: We are looking for volunteers to run for the NPOA Board of Directors. Each year we replace 3 board members (the annual rotation), and will need 3 replacements for the March 2018-March 2021 term. While no direct experience is needed, we ask that candidates are fiscally responsible, community minded, and possess good common sense. If you work well with teams, strive to reach consensus and exercise good judgement, we encourage you to throw your hat in the ring.

Beautification: Congratulations go out to..... you! Our yard debris policy regularly enjoys nearly 100% compliance. Residents are reminded that yard debris piles are required to be placed at the curb, on your own property, no earlier than the Saturday prior to “Yard Debris Wednesdays”. For the “Yard Debris Wednesday” schedule, please contact Twinkle. Note, whenever possible we encourage you to use a yard debris container. Container use saves us (i.e., you) the labor and material costs associated with maintaining our street-sides (Factoid: the NPOA landscape crew purchases 400-600 bales of pine straw annually).

Security: As we continue to upgrade and build our Security team, we ask for your help in recruiting qualified men or women to work with Mike Wilson, Director of NPOA Operations. Please refer candidates to Mike Wilson or Board members Peter Mamuzic, Jim Smith or Bob Longo.

Happy Holidays

Sincerely,
Your NPOA Board

Additional NPOA announcements

On Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the National Clubhouse Smith Room, the NPOA Board of Directors has arranged a 3 hour training session that can save your life or the life of a loved one.

Mr. Grant Hunsucker, EMA Chief from Moore County Public Safety will lead us in a training session on CPR, AED use and stroke recognition. The room can only accommodate 30 people and sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis. (Note, we'll do repeat sessions if they prove to be of interest.

To sign-up, please call Twinkle at 910-235-4217

Developing story....Tri-City is working out a deal to sell approximately 38 lots to a Raleigh based homebuilder called Homes by Dickerson. Key members of the ARB and NPOA met with the potential new owners and are satisfied that they fully understand our building standards, guidelines and policies. The deal is expected to close by year's end.

2018 Hangover Open

If you are interested in playing in the 2018 New Year's Hangover Open at No. 9, go on line to sign up or call the Pro Shop. The field is limited to 120 players and the cost is \$30 per player with food and prizes provided.



National Neighbors Support Clara McLean House

Rita Smith visited the Clara McLean House, which houses families of seriously ill patients at the First Health Moore Regional Hospital and hospice free of charge. Rita was a Girl Scout leader for many years and spearheaded projects to help others back in New Jersey. When she learned that the Clara McLean House is funded by local donations and that there are many items that can be donated to support these families during their temporary residence, Rita wasted no time in making an appeal to National residents to join her in this effort. As usual, the neighborhood responded generously. So far Rita has made 3 trips to drop off donations. Items delivered on December 1 included a case of water, a variety of snacks, personal size toiletries, laundry detergent, and cleaning supplies. Rita plans to collect more donations in the spring.

Increased Support for Aberdeen Primary Students in 2017-18

The National ladies, fondly nicknamed the "Knit Wits", are a friendly and generous group. This is their third year supporting children and staff at Aberdeen Primary School. In the 2015-2016 academic year the group donated hand knitted items in December and children's books in May. In 2016-2017 donations also included backpacks, shorts, and sweatpants. Already in the current academic year, the neighborhood has donated school supplies and backpacks in September; socks, underwear, sweatpants, plus a Jenga game and sets of dominoes for the STEM classroom in October. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math, and this is the first year that Aberdeen Primary has an instructor dedicated to presenting these skills to the 5-8 year olds. The attached photo shows the variety of items donated in October.

On November 6 Knit Wit members Heidi Winfield and Meg Finnin visited the school to deliver three cartons of poster board that Heidi wished to donate. She was pleased to learn from school counselor Michelle Crews that the poster board will be used in the STEM class for an upcoming project. All the kindergartners, first and second graders will plan, design, and build gingerbread houses.

As a first time visitor to Aberdeen Primary, Heidi shared these impressions: "What a positive vibe the school exudes! Meeting the dedicated staff, including Mrs. Crews, Principal Dr. Capps, Vice Principal Mr. Jackson, and Secretary Mrs. Bone, was heartwarming. You can feel that they really care about the children. I was impressed that the staff think outside the box to make learning an adventure." Heidi looks forward to seeing the students' creations when she visits again in December.

In early December Knit Wits will be donating hand knitted hats and scarves, gloves, and more sweatpants. Before the Christmas holidays, some members will assist children making holiday ornaments. If you would like more information about how you can support the Aberdeen Primary School, please contact Meg at megfinnin@gmail.com.

Our Home in the Woods



We live in the woods. At National, we each have a home in the woods. That is what living at National is about. This autumn was beautiful, wasn't it? It was the changing color of the maples, dogwoods, sycamores, and oaks against the green of the longleaf and loblolly pines that made it beautiful. It was the flowers and the flowering bushes as well, but as it is all year, mostly it is the majesty of the trees, especially the pines.

We are lucky to live in a quiet, friendly place that is also a forest. National is nearly half covered by trees, as agreed with the Fish and Wildlife Department. When you first moved to National, did you perhaps think that one tree was like another? Don't you look out your window now and cherish each and every tree in your yard for its unique beauty? The longer I live here, the more I appreciate them individually and as part of the private forest that is Pinehurst National. It's no coincidence that Jack Nicklaus incorporated so many individual pines into the course design at National. As we continue to love the trees, let's protect them – for their beauty as well as for the many environmental benefits they provide us. The forest called Pinehurst National is where we have chosen to live. This is our collective home in the woods.

I recently came across a poem that captures the love of the forest and how even a city person can come to feel that love. JM

Forest

I made friends with the forest. I became
A part of it, as cities never will allow.
All stillness and slow growth, quiet
As the night – I love the woods.
A city man, I love the woods.
I love to lie down on the trail
And watch the clouds drift overhead,
And feel the day's cold nipping at my ears
Until approaching sounds frighten me away.
The woods invite a lingering look, a love.
How different from men's busy ways,
Cutting down the woods for hasty gain.
Real work is like the woods themselves:
Slow and steady, a hundred years for every twig.