

The Courtyards at Emerald Lake Newsletter

Board Updates

Annual HOA meeting

The annual HOA meeting will be conducted virtually again this year on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00PM. Board members will be elected via mail-in ballot and a locked ballot box will be available in the clubhouse for those who prefer to drop off their ballots.

Two HOA Board members' terms are expiring (Barry Watson and Jim Zach), and we need new members for a 2-year term. The Board members continuing for another one-year term are Nina Allen, Ruth Hedgepeth and Ann Curtis. Please think about stepping up to help guide and run our homeowner's association. Here's your chance to be involved and shape the future direction of our community. Nominees will be running for a position on the Board. When elected, the new Board will choose the officers, so the best people are in the corresponding positions to their individual talents, and training will be provided for transitioning the new Board members.

Nomination/bio forms will be distributed through US Mail by AMS with a follow up via email in early October and the **nomination deadline is Thursday October 20**. Additional forms will also be available at the clubhouse. Meeting details and an information packet for the annual meeting will be mailed in late October by AMS.

We also need committee members for Architectural Review, Social and Grounds and need a chairperson for Clubhouse and Social. If you would like to serve on a committee, you may submit your name and the committee you would like to join to board@celhoa.org.

Committee Focus

ARC Committee

ARC Requests are no longer needed for installation of Ring doorbells but do still need to be submitted for any other outdoor security cameras.
arc@celhoa.org



Community Clubs and Activities

Canasta- Tuesdays 12:30PM-4 PM

Mah Jong- Wednesdays 6:30PM-9PM

Bridge- Fridays 2PM-4PM

Upcoming Community Events

Ladies Luncheon at the Clubhouse – Saturday, October 8 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Potluck! Please let Mary Glenn maryg2154@aol.com 704-661-2202 or Nina Allen nincallen@gmail.com 804-725-8110 know by Wednesday October 5 if you plan to attend and what you will bring.

Veteran's Coffee at the Clubhouse– Thursday November 10, 2022 10:30AM to Noon

Fall and Halloween Decorating Contest
Judging - October 27, 2022

Tree trimming at the Clubhouse -
Date to be announced

Holiday Lighting Contest
Judging – December 21, 2022

Clubhouse Committee

The pool will be closed for the season **effective Saturday, October 1.**

Any member of the community wishing to use the Clubhouse for a private gathering needs to fill out the appropriate paperwork and submit it to AMS. Please follow the Clubhouse Use Policy posted on the AMS website. Log in to your AMS account (<https://amshoa.com/>) and check the calendar to see if there is a conflict for the requested date. Then go to "Documents," then "Clubhouse;" and reference the Use and the Rental Agreement forms. (Note: The Rental Agreement will be updated to be consistent with the Clubhouse Use Policy about first event being free to residents.) Please submit the Use and Rental Agreement to AMS **at least 14 days in advance** of your requested event. This will ensure that the clubhouse is clean both before and after your event and will avoid any possible conflicts with dates and availability. A limited number of forms will also be available in the Clubhouse, in the room next to our Library.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
clubhouse@celhoa.org

Grounds Committee

Pine needles will be spread in the community in October.

Buddy Stephenson and Jim Zach did a survey on Friday, September 23, to identify dead trees around the neighborhood. Buddy will meet with Union County and/or the Town of Stallings to determine a course of action.
grounds@celhoa.org

Other News

New Epcon Community

Epcon is proposing a new age restricted community on the vacant property across Lawyers Road from Courtyards at Emerald Lake. The site comprises 49 acres and will extend from the Country Woods East neighborhood to the Southstone community on Stevens Mill Road. The proposed site plan includes approximately 100 single family homes, a clubhouse, pool, pickleball court and walking paths. The new community is still in the early planning stages. Much of the property is in unincorporated Union County and Epcon is petitioning Stallings to annex it. An entrance on Lawyers Road is proposed between the day care center and the bridge and a second egress will tie into Poppy Lane in Southstone. The NC DOT will conduct traffic studies to confirm the entrance location and any needed improvements to Lawyers Road. No additional sewer work will be needed on the Courtyards at Emerald Lake side of Lawyers Road. It may be up to 18 months before approvals are complete and any construction begins. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

Local Interest

[Musica Matthews](#) Saturday October 15 5pm-9pm
A celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, including music, dance, art and food vendors. Stumptown Park- bring a chair or blanket

[Downtown Monroe Art Walk](#) Friday October 14 5:30PM-9PM and Saturday October 15 10PM-2PM Take a walk around Downtown Monroe to see art in many locations. The Downtown Cruise-In car show will feature trucks on Friday from 6-8PM. Monroe Downtown Historic District

[Fall for Matthews Festival](#) Saturday, October 15 10AM - 4PM at Arts & Crafts Vendors, Business Vendors, Food Vendors, a DJ, a Sip & Stroll, a Pumpkin Patch, Petting Zoo and a Children's Area.
210 Matthews Station Street

[Mint Hill Christmas in the Village](#) Saturday November 12 9:00am - 4:00pm Mint Hill Historical Society
7601 Matthews Mint Hill Rd

[Matthews Menorah Lighting](#) Tuesday, November 30 5:30 pm In front of Matthews Town Hall
232 Matthews Station Street

[Town of Mint Hill Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting](#) Saturday December 3 5:30-9PM The parade will travel from Bain School down Matthews Mint Hill Road to the Mint Hill Library. After the parade, enjoy food trucks and entertainment at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
Mint Hill Town Hall, 4430 Mint Hill Village Lane

“Meet Your Neighbor”

In this edition, we are profiling Mike and Deborah Parman of 1203 Avalon Place. Mike and Deborah moved to CEL in November 2020 from just down the road in Mint Hill.

Where are you from?

Mike was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee and Deborah is the daughter of a career Navy man. She was born in Philadelphia, PA. Her family lived in various locations in the US until they settled in Memphis, Tennessee where she started 9th grade, and her father retired.

How did you meet?

They met during their freshman year of college at the University of Tennessee-Martin. When Deborah had to transfer to University of Tennessee-Knoxville for her degree in Special Education, Mike followed her there. They dated through college and have been married for 46 years.

How about children? Grandchildren?

They have 3 children: 2 sons and a daughter. Joshua, their oldest is a classical music editor in Milwaukee, WI. Their daughter, Mindy, a pharmacist/financial planner, lives in Mint Hill and plans to marry in April. Alex, their youngest, who works for Hartford, also lives in Mint Hill. He and his wife Kristen have graced them with three granddaughters (Rebekah 8, Lydia 6, and Ellie 4). Deborah's mother also moved here from TN. She is an active 91-year-old who lives in Matthews.

What was your occupation?

They lived in the Nashville, TN area for over 30 years where Mike was a middle school math teacher, then an elementary school principal. Deborah taught deaf students before they had their own children. She then homeschooled their children, while tutoring math and science students of all ages. After their youngest entered college, she returned to teaching deaf students again. They retired early to move to this area to be close to their grandchildren after their youngest son came here for a job.

Mike is currently working as the Program Coordinator with the non-profit Heart Math Tutoring at Lansdowne Elementary school in Charlotte. Deborah is one of his volunteers.

Mike and Deborah are members of First Baptist Church Matthews where they are involved with their Sunday School class, Senior Adults group, and enjoy teaching 4th and 5th grade students on Wednesday nights in AWANA.

What was an achievement you are especially proud of?

For both Mike and Deborah: Seeing the progress students have made... especially those who seemed so far behind or had to overcome

Stay Connected

Past newsletters are posted in the Communications folder on the [AMS HOA site](#).

If you have comments or suggestions for future newsletters, please send them to communications@celhoa.org

The latest community directory is posted to the AMS site under the folder “Directory”.

Please check your contact information and notify communications@celhoa.org if you have updates. To change your contact information with AMS, you will need to go to the <https://amshoa.com/> and update your profile.

Note: Our directory is for internal use only. Please do not share anyone's personal information, especially telephone numbers.

Note: Other community documents such as the CC&Rs and Community Policies and Guidelines can also be found on the AMS HOA site.

many obstacles. Also, they are very proud of their three children and the success they've achieved in their lives.

What are your hobbies:

Grandkids and travel! Both keep them busy! Their goal early in their marriage was to visit the capital cities of all fifty states and tour the Capitol Houses in each one. They met that goal last year when they went to Hawaii.

Any future dreams/goals?

They want to return to Boston because when they were there last, it was during a snowstorm, so they didn't see all they wanted. They would also like to go back to Alaska. "There are so many places to go and things to see."

